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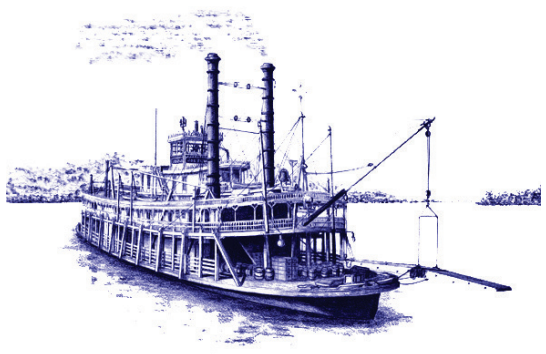

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BPWS will ask council to raise transfer station fees

Proposed rate would rise from $62 to $79 per ton

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison's Board of Public Works and Safety at its meeting on Monday approved recommending that City Council increase the per-ton rate for waste disposal at the Madison Transfer Station on the hilltop.

With transfer station operations funded by user fees — not property taxes — Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said the transfer station is currently operating at a deficit that is only going to get worse if no action is taken.

He suggested a plan to phase in changes and bring solvency to the transfer station, adding that the proposal would include no changes to the city's rates for household garbage collection but there will be "minor" fee increases for items picked up by the city and transported to the transfer station.

"This is only going to impact what is brought to the transfer station," Courtney said, noting that a new ordinance will amend minor fees for compost bags, curbside furniture pickup and partial tonnage. The action will also update the city's ordinance for actual recycling collection operation such as what can be recycled.

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Madison Consolidated High School 2023 Alumni Hall inductees (from left) Marilyn McQueen, Class of 1964; Nick Griffith, Class of 1999; and Gary Chandler, Class of 1976; share a light moment prior to their induction ceremony on Friday, May 12, 2023, at Salm Gymnasium.

Madison Consolidated High School 2023 Alumni Hall inductee Nick Griffith gives a hug to his high school journalism teacher Rosalind Harrell, now retired, who presented the award. "I have a lot of appreciation to teachers, faculty and coaches ... I developed a lot of my skills in leadership" at MCHS, Griffith said.

MCHS Alumni Hall inducts McQueen, Chandler, Griffith

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Consolidated High School inducted the fifth class of its Alumni Hall of Fame in a ceremony attended by students at Salm Gym on Friday with Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown reminding the current students they were "witnessing the impact that an alumnus from Madison can have on our community, in our state and in our nation."

This year's honorees included Marilyn McQueen, a mental health pioneer and advocate from the class of 1964; Garry Chandler, a community and business leader from the class of 1976; and Nick Griffith, an award winning journalist and sports anchor from the class of 1999.

McQueen has multiple college degrees in clinical social work and marriage/family therapy from Taylor University, Indiana University and the University of Florida. She was a college professor of social work and sociology for 30 plus years at Taylor University, Hanover College and Gordon College and initiated Prevent Child Abuse of Jefferson County and was the Indiana Region 9 Social Worker of the Year in 2004.

As a member of the Class

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PACE chairman explains, defends program

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison's PACE grant review committee reviewed and scored 14 applications recently — with 11 scoring high enough to be recommended for matching funding totaling about $117,300 — but not before the chairman of that board took a moment to address and take exception to a recent Letter to The Editor in The Madison Courier.

The letter, written by local resident Robert Schwartz, essentially voiced concerns that the PACE grant program uses taxpayer dollars to help private property owners improve their homes and buildings who can then sell those properties for a profit and keep not only the property gains but the tax dollars invested by the city to improve the structures and make them more marketable.

Jim Bartlett, a member of Madison City Council who serves on and is chairman the PACE review board, noted the board "welcomes concerns" and "uses those comments" to help make what is an evolving program better but that Schwartz's letter "missed the point of the program," which he said is to protect and preserve the city's historic buildings — a resource that helps sustain the community's tourism industry — and provide safe housing in a market currently under served while building the city's property tax base by raising the value of all homes and buildings in the city.

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READI 2.0 to provide more opportunities for region

BY BOB DEMAREE

More opportunities for regional growth and development are coming from the Regional Economic Acceleration Initiative (READI) after the Indiana General Assembly appropriated another $500 million in the legislative session that ended last month to be divided among regions throughout the state.

The first $500 million round of funding in 2021 resulted in a $50 million allocation to the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority to be distributed on projects in Clark, Floyd, Jefferson, Scott and Washington counties. In Jefferson County, $5,900,000 is going towards a Hanover College-IU Southeast Madison veterinary teaching school and $2,556,2000 to an assortment of Destination Madison projects.

At OurSIRDA's meeting on Friday, Cory Cochran, executive director of River Hills Economic Development District Regional Planning Commission, hired by the region to implement the projects, said Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the bill into law May 4 to provide funding for what is being characterized as READI 2.0.

"The language was pretty much copy and paste from the first round of READI with the exception that these funds cannot be used for planning," said Cochran. "We were hoping that would not be the case, but the

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Milton Fire & Rescue receives grant

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Milton Fire & Rescue recently received a $27,435 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase a Hurst cutter, spreader and accessories for use by the department.

The new Hurst cutter and spreader will be used to assist in emergency situations where extrication may be needed.

"On behalf of Milton Fire & Rescue and its volunteers, I want to thank the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs in Louisville," said Milton Fire and Rescue Chief Jason Long. "We are incredibly humbled to receive this vital equipment to continue to keep Trimble County and the City of Milton safe."

Firefighters respond to East Street fire

Madison firefighters from several companies responded to what was reported as a kitchen fire Monday morning in the 1000 block East Street in downtown Madison. Firefighters arrived with smoke billowing out of the home and limited the blaze to the one structure — mainly involving the interior of the two story brick federal style home. No details on cause or damage were available on Monday morning but the owner-occupants were seeking other shelter for Monday evening.

A Madison firefighter blasts a stream of water through a second floor window while battling a house fire in the 1000 block of East Street Monday morning.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.
Sunset: 8:49 p.m.
Temperature: High 72, Low 56, Mean 64.0, Deficit 6.4
Precipitation since last published: .21
Precipitation, May 2023: 2.29
Precipitation, 2023: 22.24
Barometer: 30.13, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.2, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Sunny High 74/Low 44; Thursday: Sunny High 74/Low 52; Friday: Partly cloudy High 79/Low 60.

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BIRTHDAYS

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Rodney Neal Black
Robert Nathan Black

May 16
Neil Pruitt

May 17
John Bear — 70

May 18
Joy Mindi Brent

May 20
Debbie Kroger

May 21
Judy Eades

May 22
Robin Cull
Kathi Scroggins

May 23
Darlene Yarnetsky

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 3-13-27-41-42-46 (5/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: $17.2 million. Next Drawing (5/17).

Cash Five: 18-22-29-39-43 (5/14)

Cash 4 Life: 5-16-24-29-57 CB: 3 (5/14)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 10-12-29-33 CB: 20 (5/14)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 12-13-25-29-32 (5/14)

Lucky For Life: 5-10-28-45-48 LB: 8 (5/14)

MEGAMILLIONS: 1-2-23-40-45 MB: 15, MP x3 (5/12). Next Jackpot: $113 million. Next Drawing (5/16)

POWERBALL: 3-15-20-23-46 PB: 11, PP: 2 (5/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: $135 million. Next Drawing (5/15)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 23-32-52-58-60 PB: 3 (5/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (5/15)

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

Lodgings

May 11, 2023

• Jessica Rose Holland, 29, Madison, for Contempt of Court, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

• Crystal Dawn McFadden, 31, Hanover, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant, Bond $25,000 cash.

• Olivia Nichelle Rowlett, 24, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant, Bond $10,000 cash.

May 12, 2023

• Joshua Alex Matteson, 26, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

• Jason Sullivan, 40, Madison, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years; and Possession of Paraphernalia, both Class C misdemeanors. No bond.

May 13, 2023

• Timothy S. Lewis, 35, Fredericksburg, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, Resisting Law Enforcement and False Identity Statement, all Class A misdemeanors; and on a Harrison County, Indiana, arrest warrant (possession of methamphetamine and driving while suspended). No bond

May 14, 2023

• Wilmer Zuniga Corado, 19, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License and False Informing, all Class A misdemeanors; and Minor in Possession of Alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $500 cash.

• Dylan Scott Marcelle, 26, Palmyra, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-2 Counts, both Class C misdemeanors; and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Impairment, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond $500 cash.

• Elizabeth N. Martinez Perales, 29, Madison, for Neglect of a Dependent-2 Counts and Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Schedule Drug, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

• Lee James Smith, 44, no address listed, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

SUPERIOR/CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings

May 11, 2023

• Howard Casey Axl Pike, 29, Hanover, to amended charges of Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony, and Criminal Confinement Where Vehicle Used, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 16 years, 182 days at Indiana Department of Correction on methamphetamine charge, fully executed; and 4 years at IDOC on the confinement charge, all suspended. Sentences are to run consecutive with credit for 20 days jail served. Cody H. Whisman, 37, Madison, for Nonsupport of a Dependent Child, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 900 days jail with credit for 130 days jail served and 770 suspended for supervised probation. Ordered to pay monthly restitution no less that $250 by 15th day of each month plus $485 in fees and court costs.

• Robert Lee Willhoite, 25, Deputy, Indiana, to amended charge of Domestic Battery in the Presence of a Child Less than Age 16, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 478 days suspended for supervised probation and balance to be served on 15 consecutive weekends plus $535 in fees and court costs.

• Robin Marie Roman, 43, Wauchula, Florida, to amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substances, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 6 days served and 364 days suspended for supervised probation plus $485 in fees and court costs.

May 15, 2023

• Robert W. Gates, 50, Madison, for Public Intoxication-Endangerment, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 68 days jail with credit for 68 days served plus $235 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County

May 8, 2023

• Neal Mack and Marilyn Mack to Stanley N. Mack and Neal Mack and Marilyn Mack (life estate), part of 11013 West Henry Road, Deputy.

• Josie L. Hernandez, Josie L. Hernandez Molina, Jose L. Hernandez Molina and Ginger M. Hernandez to Josie L. Hernandez Molina and Jose L. Hernandez Molina, part of 4073 South State Road 62, Hanover.

• Dallas Michael Corey Cooper and Jennifer R. Cooper to Kevin Farrell IRA LLC, part of 13.29 acres at 5923+ North 933 West, Deputy.

• Judy White to Christopher White, part of 6911 North Graham Road, Madison.

• Norbert E. Schafer and Deena L. Schafer to Christopher White, part of 6911 North Graham Road, Madison.

May 9, 2023

• Allied Tube & Conduit Corporation to Nucor Tubular Products Madison LLC, part of 63.76 acres at 4000 North US 421.

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• Wanda C. Hunt and Wanda C. Hunt to Creative Planning Trust Company LLC and Lesley Devyn Hunt, 1472 East Telegraph Hill Road, Madison.

• Janet A. Riess to Chad Fife and Alison Fife, 705 West Third Street, Madison.

• Sophie Mouser and Kyle Rambo to Morgan Wall, 155 Northwoods Court, Hanover.

• Martha F. Vaughn to Kelsey N. Pietrykowski and Ian E. Meeke, 1936 Falls Boulevard, Madison.

• Benny Daniel Garland Jr., Roger Wayne Garland, John Mark Garland and Evelyn Jean Garland to David P. Silski Sr. and Dana Silski, approximately 40 acres in two parcels of 9800+ East State Road 56, Vevay.

• Doris A. Shadday, Shadday Family Trust and The Shadday Family Trust to Karen A. Wilkerson and Kyle N. Shadday, 304 Ross Street, Madison.

• Doris A. Shadday, Shadday Family Trust and The Shadday Family Trust to Karen A. Wilkerson and Kyle N. Shadday, 2350 Ross Place, Madison.

• Ruth Ann Booth to Buddydale LLC and Crafty83LLC, 1835 East Key Avenue, Madison.

• Paula Smith and Linden P. Booth to Buddydale LLC and Crafty83LLC, 1835 East Key Avenue, Madison.

• Amanda L. Meek to Derance W. Richards, 2.9 acres at 8367 North Jake Gayle Road, Commiskey.

• Jesse W. Duquette DDS and Madison Family Dentistry to PCM Williams Realty LLC, 1327 Iroquois Drive, Madison.

• Louann Waller to Steve J. Polk and Sonna J. Polk, 1921, 1891 and 1827 South 1000 West, Lexington.

• Donna Hendrix to Donna Hendrix and Cole Hendrix, two tracts at 6088 West New Bethel Road, Lexington.

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• Daniel V. Shetler to Tobias EJ Hilty, part of 44.5 acres at 11000+ West Slate Road, Lexington.

• Elmer H. Graber to Daniel V. Shetler, part of 122.3 acres at 11000+ West Slate Road, Lexington.

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• Rachel E. Jones to Rachel E. Jones and Adam M. Jones, part of 14.761 acres at South County Road 500 North, Madison.

• R. Paige Dudley to Ricke Paige (trustee) and Ricke Paige Dudley (trust), a parcel known as 1830 South County Road 1233 West, Lexington.

• Tobias EJ Hilty to Elmer H. Graber, part of 67 acres at 11000+ West Slate Road, Lexington.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Beavin Fisher

Nancy Beavin Fisher, age 91, of Louisville, Kentucky formerly of Madison was born on April 20, 1932 in Madison, IN to Charlotte Imel Beavin and John Roy Beavin.

She graduated from North Madison High School in May of 1950. She married Bernard Malcolm Fisher on June 30, 1951 at the St. Patrick's rectory. They enjoyed 58 years together until Bernie's passing in March 2009. She began working in the Madison State Hospital (MSH) Clerk's Office on August 21, 1950 and was employed at MSH for 58 years, retiring as the Purchasing Officer. She worked tirelessly over that time and truly made it part of her, making lasting friends and serving with open arms. She and Bernie, raised their children on the grounds of MSH and were part of its fabric. Nancy was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's and Prince of Peace Catholic churches, where she was active in the Altar Society and Rosary Makers. She was involved in the Business and Professional Women's Club, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Shawe Booster Club, and volunteered at the Madison State Hospital Gate House Museum after her retirement. She and Bernie loved a good auction and a spin around the dance floor. Nancy was a devoted and fierce mother. Her children were her top priority, and she made sure they received the best education possible and celebrated them at every opportunity. She survived the loss of her son, Christopher, in April 1997 because of her powerful and unending faith. That faith assured her that she and Bernie would be reunited with Chris one day. As we mourn our loss here on earth, we celebrate that reunion today. She experienced the joy of having great-grandchildren; seeing her grandchildren become happy and successful adults; and watching her daughters enjoy successful careers and have them spend quality time with her. We feel confident that she left this world as a very happy, content, and proud mother and grandmother. Nancy died on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 6:15 a.m. the Baptist Health Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Nancy will be missed by her loving daughters, Charlene Fisher Zoeller and her husband Curt of Louisville, KY and Carolyn Fisher VanLuchene and her husband Craig of Carmel, IN; her grandchildren, Audrey Caroline Zoeller Crosby (Jonathan), Christian Andrew Zoeller, Erika Marie Fisher (fiance', Will) and Bernard Christopher Fisher (Mariah); her brother, James Michael Beavin of Louisville, KY; her sister in law, Lois Price and her husband Gerald of Campbellsburg, KY; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Charlotte Imel Patton, who died July 17, 1964; her father, John Roy Beavin, who died December 3, 1974, her beloved husband of 58 years, Bernard Malcom Fisher, who died March 4, 2009, and her son, Christopher Malcom Fisher, who died April 20, 1997.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, 305 State Street in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery. Friends may visit on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 4 — 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 — 10 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

The Rosary will be prayer on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick Catholic Chapel or the St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com

Lois Fay Burton

Lois Fay Burton, 77, of Scipio, passed away at 12:29 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, surrounded by her family at the Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility in Columbus.

She was born on April 4, 1946, in Bartholomew County, and was the daughter of Oakley "Brownie" Brown Sr. and Beulah (Mays) Brown. She married James Burton on November 9, 1963, in Bartholomew County; he preceded her in death on February 2, 2010.

Lois was a waitress for many years before she retired. She was a member of New Beginnings Church of God in Seymour. Lois enjoyed shopping, collecting movies, watching western movies, and helping others.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandy (Ron) Rosenbalm of Scipio, Sonya Rose of Madison and Kim (Travis) Burton of Foley, AL; son, James (Holly) Burton of Madison; brothers, Jack Brown of FL; Danny Brown of Indianapolis, Carson Brown of Madison, Robert Brown of TX, and Rex Brown and Steve Marcum, both of Columbus; sisters, Helen (Jess) Alpha of Nashville, Stella (Donnie) Buchanan of Franklin, and Sharon Brown of Columbus; grandchildren, Russell (Brandy) Waltman Sr. and Culley Burton, both of Indianapolis, Jacob Burton of Taylorsville, and Sarah Burton of FL; great-grandchildren, Kingston Waltman, Zane Waltman, and Gracie Calhoun, all of Indianapolis, Chyanne Waltman and AJ Waltman, both of Jacksonville, FL; Axel Waltman and Emi Wattman, both of MS; Rachel Waltman of Madison, and Russell Waltman Jr. of Scipio; three great-great-grand-children, Aubrey Waltman, Tjay Calhoun and Keke Calhoun all of Indianapolis; and along with several others who called her mom.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers, Oakley and James Brown Jr.; and grandson, AJ Waltman.

A funeral service for Lois was conducted on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service with Rev. Sean Eversole officiant. Burial took place at the Scipio Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in honor of Lois through the funeral home to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility.

Janice Marie Williams

Janice Marie Williams, 75, of Bloomington, passed away on May 9, 2023 at Westview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bedford, IN.

Born on June 6, 1947, she was the daughter of Victor Vernon Jones and Dorothy Marie (Wise) Jones.

She married Jimmie W. Williams in Indianapolis on August 9, 1973, and he preceded her in death on April 9, 2022.

Janice worked as a Teacher's Aid for the North Lawrence School System and was a member of Hillcrest Christian Church. Janice enjoyed scrapbooking, bird watching, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving to cherish Janice's memory is her son Jason and his wife Rachel, son Jay and his wife Emily, and grandchildren Ella and Rory Williams; brothers, Wayne (Rosa) Jones, Travis (Jeannine) Jones, and Ronald Jones; and sister-in-law, Charlenne Jones.

Preceding Janice in death are her parents; husband; and brother Larry Jones.

Funeral Services were conducted at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023 at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes with Pastor Charlie Scott officiant. Visitation was held from 3 p.m. to the service time on Monday also at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel. Janice was buried at Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY on noon Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Contributions in memory of Janice may be made to Misty Eyes Animal Center in Avon, IN in honor of her love for animals and her grandpups. Remembrances and condolences may be shared online at www.FergusonLee.com.

Robert John Munster

Robert John Munster, age 87, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on December 27, 1935 in Blue Island, Illinois. He was the loving son of the late Leroy and Emma Rose Hetu Munster. He was raised in Chicago area and graduated high school there and was raised Catholic. Robert was inducted into the United States Army on May 13, 1958 in Phoenix, Arizona. He rose to the rate of Private First Class serving in Company D 2nd Brigade 21st Infantry. He was honorably discharged on April 20, 1960 at Oakland, California receiving the Expert Rifle and Bayonet Badge, the Marksman Bar and the Good Conduct Medal. Robert was transferred to the Reserves and was discharged on March 10, 1962. On March 9, 1963 Robert was united in marriage to Louise M. Rooding in Chicago, Illinois. They enjoyed 60 loving years of marriage together until his death. Robert was employed with the Operating Engineers, Local 150 in Countryside, Illinois for over 50 years. He had worked construction and served as a mechanic with Newberg Construction for 45 years and retired after five years of service with Rotec Construction Company. His work resulted in lots of travel and the family moved from Braidwood, Illinois to the Hanover community in 1977. He was a longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and had served as past master for the Scottsburg Masonic Lodge No. 572 F. & A.M. and currently held membership with the Hanover Masonic Lodge No. 652. Robert had also held membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis. He was a life member of the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the Moose Lodge. Robert enjoyed the love and companionship of his fur babies, Bo and Sis. Robert or Grunk as he was referred to in the family enjoyed cross-stitching, fishing, working on his Koi pond, and working in his flower beds. Robert died on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 10:48 a.m. at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Robert will be missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Louise M. Rooding Munster of Hanover, IN; his brother, Edison Munster of IL; his sisters in law and brothers in laws, Terry Mullin of Madison, IN; Mary Paganini and her husband, Jeffrey of Markham, IL; Cheryl Gaimari and her husband, Chicago, IL; Theodore "Teddy" Rooding and his wife, Deborah of TN; Theodore "Chuck" Rooding and his wife, Patricia of Lawrenceburg, TN; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Munster, his mother, Emma Rose Hetu Munster, his brother, Leroy Munster, and his brothers in law, Eugene Michael Rooding and James Mullin.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 11 a.m., by Deacon Mike Gardner at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road. Friends may visit Tuesday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Hanover Masonic Lodge No. 652 F. & A.M. will conduct services on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover Masonic Lodge No. 652 F. & A.M.. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, memorials and remembrances can be left at www.morgan-nay.com

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DEATH NOTICES

Scott Howard Coffey Sr., 52, of Campbellsburg, KY, died Friday, May 12, 2023. Funeral arrangements are pending at Ransdell Funeral Home in Campbellsburg, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Douglas J. Cox, 60, of Madison, died Sunday, May 14, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by, Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Jeffrey Lynn "Jeff" Gunnoe, 67, of Vevay, IN, Monday, May 8, 2023, at his home in Vevay. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Patricia Ann Denson Holt, 92, of Madison, died Friday, May 12, 2023, at her home near Canaan. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Barbara Jean Gullion Peelman, 77, of Vevay, IN, died Thursday, May 11, 2023, at her home in Vevay Funeral arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Margaret Ann Persall, 87, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, May 13, 2023, at her home in Carrollton. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Connie Sue Russell Renschler, 58, of Lexington, IN, died Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Lake Point Village in Scottsburg, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Lois K. Smith, 77, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, May 14, 2023 at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Kenneth John Steward, 82, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, May 14, 2023, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Arch Edward Taylor, 80, of Madison, IL, died Friday, May 12, 2023, at Norton Hospital Brownsboro in Louisville. Funeral arrangements are pending at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

Louis "Sonny" Westrick, 87, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, May 13, 2023, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY

Connie Sue Russell Renschler

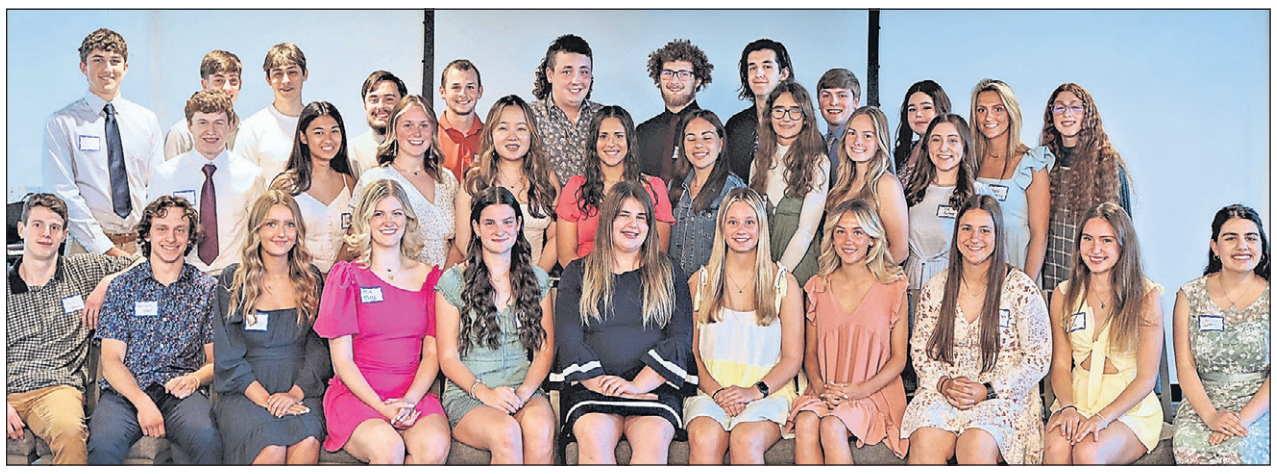
Connie Sue Russell Renschler, age 58, of Lexington, Indiana entered this life on December 8, 1964 in Scottsburg, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late George Elbert and Betty Faye Sharp Russell. She was raised in the Lexington community and graduated in 1983 from Scottsburg High School. She received her bachelor in education and her master in education from Indiana University Southeast. On September 14, 1985, Connie was united in marriage to Bryan Dale Renschler at the Hanover Baptist Church in Hanover, Indiana. This happy union of nearly 38 years was blessed with daughters, Stacey and Kelsey. She worked for four years as a deputy for the Scott County Clerk's Office. Connie's passion was to educate children and she became a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Lexington Elementary School. For the next 22 years she poured her heart and soul into her career as a teacher. With her passion to help educate children she also served as a board member for the Scott County 4-H and served on the Scott County Library Board and for many years she served as the treasurer. Connie was a member of the Northside Christian Church in New Albany, Indiana. She was a loving wife, mom and beloved nanny. Connie loved crafting, spending time with her daughters and being the best nanny to her grandchildren. When her parents became elderly Connie took them into her home and cared for them until their passing. For the past two years Connie fought a great battle with frontotemporal dementia and passed peacefully on Saturday May 13, 2023 at 4:38 a.m.

Connie will be missed by her loving husband of 37 years, Bryan Dale Resnchler of Lexington, IN; her loving daughters, Stacey Renschler Niccum and her husband, Joey of Scottsburg, IN; Kelsey Renschler Hough and her husband, Brandon of Lexington, IN; her beloved grandchildren, Easton Niccum, Amayah Niccum, Byron Hough, Emma Hough; her sister in law, Cathy Russell of Lexington, IN; her brother in laws, Gary Renschler and his wife, Julie of Port St. Lucie, FL; Jeffrey Renschler and his wife, Janet of Nabb, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives in TN.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Elbert Russell, died May 14, 2018, her mother, Betty Faye Sharp Russell, died June 11, 2019, and her brother, Gregory Wayne Russell, died October 6, 2022.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Aaron Flucke at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, 2804 South Mulberry Street in Lexington, IN. Interment will follow in the Lexington Cemetery. Friends may visit Friday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Connie Renschler Summer Reading Program at Lexington Elementary School. Cards are available at the church or at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com



Handout

Students from Madison Consolidated, Shawe Memorial, and Southwestern High Schools were recognized by the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County as scholarship recipients at the Foundation's annual report to the community held last week at the Fairfield Inn.

Handout

Jefferson County's 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar was Mitchell Adams (center). The finalists (from left) Brady Jackson, Elijah Turner, Kaitlyn Rutledge and Jordan DeAtley were recognized for their achievements.

Community Foundation announces grants, scholarships

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A milestone was achieved in 2022 by the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County by awarding for first time in its history a total of more than $1 million in grants and scholarships.

The announcement was made last week at the Community Foundation's annual meeting in which board members, staff, volunteers and the public celebrated the recent accomplishments of the Foundation while also recognizing scholarship recipients for 2023.

Community Foundation President and CEO Bill Barnes started the event by sharing the Community Foundation's message of GIVE, GROW, GRANT. In 2023, the Community Foundation received 684 donations totaling a record $5.3 million. Of those donations, more than 70% were $100 or less, indicating that the Foundation is truly community supported.

Throughout the evening, board officers, staff members and volunteers shared information about 14 recently created endowments, the accomplishments of the various programs housed at the Community Foundation, and how competitive grants totaling nearly $300,000 are impacting Jefferson County.

Board Chair J.D. Webster thanked retiring Board members Todd Bruther, Betsey Vonderheide and Stephanie Withered for their service, then welcomed new board members Phil McKay, Fernando Rubio and Nancy Totten.

Attendees heard about the Women's Giving Circle grant recipients. The Circle was able to grant more than $25,000 to nine organizations serving women and children in Jefferson County.

Mitchell Adams, Jefferson County's 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, was recognized for his achievements, as well as finalists Jordan DeAtley, Brady Jackson, Kaitlyn Rutledge, and Elijah Turner. The evening concluded with the awarding of more than $195,000 in scholarships to 34 area students. The students will be recognized again at the individual Honors Day programs at their schools.

The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County was established in 1991 by a group of local volunteers. Since the Foundation's creation, more than 260 permanent funds have been established.

For more information about the Community Foundation, visit www.cfmjc.org or contact Bill Barnes at 812-274- 0241 or bill@cfmjc.org.

HALL

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of 1964, McQueen noted that year was the first class "to go all four years in this new high school building" which began classes in 1960 after the consolidation of other county schools into MCHS. "I remember the anxiety and excitement as a freshman. I remember the up and down days of being a sophomore and a junior. I remember the apprehension and excitement of being a senior ready to graduate."

She said being a student at MCHS prepared her for what she pursued after high school. At MCHS, McQueen said she "got the desire to learn and the desire to pursue learning because of the teachers." And she said that desire to learn helped her in her work as an educator.

"The second part of my career was in mental health, and for over 30 years I worked with people of all ages — children, adults, families, teenagers, a lot of high school students," McQueen told the students. "I have seen many people your age who are struggling with depression and anxiety, self-esteem, personal relationships, identity concerns, sometimes trauma and abuse and loss, and sometimes don't see a lot of hope for life, and sort feel like giving up and maybe even suicidal thoughts. I want to tell you if I could give you a gift today, what I would give to you is to know that you matter; that your mental health matters and whatever you're going through can be dealt with and overcome."

Anyone needing help should reach out to someone supportive or a professional mental health worker. McQueen encouraged students "to be your best you, keep hope no matter what and take care of your mental health."

Chandler, owner of Chandler Chevrolet, has been a part of that Madison automobile dealership for nearly 40 years, starting as a salesman in 1984 with Cas Casteel Chevrolet and advancing gradually through various managerial responsibilities with the business that later transitioned to Jim Hadley Chevrolet. In 2005, Chandler assumed ownership and the dealership became Chandler Chevrolet.

Besides being the area's largest General Motors dealership, the business has grown to have collision centers with his businesses currently with 54 local employees. Chandler and the business help support a wide range of civic organizations from clubs and events to youth and adult leagues.

"I'd like to thank everyone involved in this honor," said Chandler. "Hard work does pay off."

Griffith, a broadcast sports journalist, has worked at television stations in Idaho, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado. In 2021, he received the Heartland Emmy Award for Regional Best Sports over other broadcasters from five states. Last year, he transitioned into sales and business development because he wanted to travel less to stay closer to his family.

While Brown presented the plaques to McQueen and Chandler, Griffith's award was presented by Rosalind Harrell, his journalism teacher at MCHS.

"I have a lot of appreciation to teachers, faculty and coaches. I developed a lot of my skills in leadership" at MCHS. "I think a lot about leading by example that transitioned into my career."

While at MCHS, Griffith was a starting catcher on the Cubs' baseball team that won the state championship in 1999 while playing for Hall of Fame Coach Gary O'Neal. He was selected by the IHSAA as the Mental Attitude Award Winner for Class 3A.

"I surrounded myself with people to do good things, and it was easy at Madison because we had a real good support system," he said.

"Dream big dreams. Surround yourself around good people, develop good relationships and lean on your support system," Griffith told the students.

The MCHS Hall of Fame was established in 2019 as a way to honor individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding work in their life's work and service to their communities.

Past inductees include Sue Livers, Michael Bell and Robert Orrill in 2022, Ray Black Jr., Harold Hunt and Rodney Nay in 2021, Helen Cope, Marvin Eades and Damon Welch in 2020, and Dr. Robert Canida, Al Huntington and Wayne Perry in 2019.

FEES

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With fees charged at the transfer station based on tonnage brought by a monthly household rate, the first phase would begin by increasing the per ton rate from $62 to $79, which Courtney said closely matches the cumulative inflation rate of 29.1% since the last rate change in 2013. He stated the combination of realigning some wages and benefits, and increasing the per ton rate is estimated to reduce the projected deficit by approximately $254,000 per year. Taking no action will increase cumulative deficits from 2018-2023 to $1.1 million.

"We'll continue to monitor our progress throughout the course of the year, finish up our capital planning and then make a decision at the end of the year what additional phases of rate considerations we need to implement. Unfortunately, I don't see a choice because of the way costs have increased and the fact the city has only amended its rates three times in 38 years, and have not set aside sufficient funds for the operation."

The city began operation of the transfer station in 1985 following the closing of its landfill. Board member David Carlow noted that because of the losses in the transfer station operation, the city has had to make up the deficit with property tax dollars from the general fund in order keep it solvent. "In order to get back to a strictly user fee program, I think it's a no brainer that something has to be done to increase the rates," Carlow said.

Courtney said the city must take that action "or we'll have to engage with a third party to do the services for us. But there is a benefit for a municipally-owned utility, and it is that we can generally provide a great service because of our initiatives and care of our community, and we can generally do it at lower cost" than a for-profit operation. "If we don't constantly reinvest and don't have the user fee at an amount that supports" then a third party will be the city's only option. "I'm not sure we'll get the same value we do now with a municipally-owned operation."

Courtney said the transfer station and garbage collections both require costly heavy equipment and labor, and the process has seen rising costs and lagging fee structures for the city's more than 5,000 households and almost 10,000 tons of solid waste disposed of through the transfer station annually.

In other business:

• Approved a joint use and maintenance agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation for the work around the Sunrise Crossing development that provides for the clearing and maintenance of the tree line between Michigan Road and Franks Drive, the installation of Wayfinding signs and gateway walls on the northeast and northwest portion of Clifty Drive at the Michigan Road interaction.

• Approved street closings for the Madison Regatta from June 26 through July 2 and for the Hometown USA Parade on June 30. Also, street closings were approved for Thornton's Bike Show on Aug. 27. Approved street closings for Madison Vintage Thunder on Sept. 14. With plans to charge admission for the Vintage Thunder for the first time, arrangements must be worked out for fencing that wasn't previously needed. The admission will be $5.

• Approved a contract with BYB Events Services for the Hometown USA parade at $2,675, the Halloween Festival at $11,7000 and the Very Madison Christmas Celebration at $8,200 — all of which the city expects to cover that cost with sponsorship dollars.

• Approved a contract with Promedia Group at a cost of $13,750 for three videos to emphasize Destination Madison projects, improvements at Oak Hill Park and Gaines Park and the Sunrise Crossing development.

• The board approved closing two parking spaces in front of Mad Paddle Brewstillery, 301 West Street, for food truck vendors on 17 different dates beginning May 19 and running through Nov. 4.

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Madison woman sought by Clark County in custody, man still sought

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Madison woman being sought by the Clark County Sheriff's Office in connection with a residential burglary in that county is now in custody but a man wanted in that case remains at large.

Kayla Luellen, of Brooksburg Road, Madison, was in custody and arraigned in Clark Circuit Court Thursday. She pleaded not guilty to Burglary, a Level 5 felony, at her initial hearing, a public defender was appointed, and bond was set at $10,000 cash.

Kayla Luellen

Scotty Jordan Binion

Earlier last week the Clark County Sheriff's Office had sought information on the whereabouts of Luellen and Scotty "Jordan" Binion, of Cragmont Street, Madison.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Binion on charges of Level 5 felony Burglary-3 Counts and Level 6 felony Theft of Property, valued between $750 and $50,000.

Those with information are asked to call the Clark County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 812-280-2276, their local police department, or visit the CCSO website at Clarkcosheriff.com/crime-tips or email tips to wharper@clarkcosheriff.com.

"We are asking for the public's help in locating these individuals. Any information you may have, no mater how small, could help in our investigation," a CCSO news release said.

According to the statement, attempts to make contact with the suspect should be avoided.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

REGION

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legislature determined that the funds for READI 2.0 can only can used for capital projects, infrastructure, buildings, some type of physical structure or something being built."

Cochran anticipates the READI 2.0 guidelines and application process will be determined by the end of June with the required investment strategies for new projects to be submitted sometime in the fall. He expects the announcements the READI 2.0 awards would be in December.

For the initial round of READI, all regions in the state received varying amounts of funding with $50 million being the highest amount that a region could receive. Cochran does not yet know if that will be the case this year. "I don't know if they're going to cap it at $50 million a region. I don't know if they will fund every region like they did the last time. And I don't know if they're going to keep all the regions the same," he said.

Cochran encouraged communities in the region to begin developing their list of potential projects. "We need to get those project ideas so we can start building our investment strategy," he said.

He said communities should develop projects that "are quality of place and quality of life. Anything that derives economic development or retains economic development" with returns on investment being a continuing emphasis of the READI projects.

Dana Huber, the OurSIRDA chair, said the back-to-back rounds of funding will provide opportunity throughout the region and impact communities for years to come.

"We certainly have an opportunity that I don't think any of us would have expected to be a back-to-back opportunity so I feel our regional development board has done a great of building credibility, showing results and planning for the future. All of those things I think will play into our favor," she said. "Let's keep those three priorities in mind and continue to play off of those priorities. We're really doing transformative things for generations to come. It's super exciting work. I feel really blessed to be a part of it."

PACE

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"Communities around the nation have been faced with the issue of degrading properties, as well as properties that are burn outs or simply abandoned," Bartlett said. "Many communities have turned to a plan commonly called urban renewal to solve this issue. When they do, the result is that they spend big dollars to tear down these properties in hopes of someone coming along to rebuild — in the meantime resulting in open lots that must be maintained at a cost typically by the community.

"In Madison we have chosen a different plan which provides benefits to all citizens," Bartlett added. "Instead of spending big bucks to tear down old or degraded properties, and thus destroy the historic nature of our community, we have chosen to provide a little money via public-private partnerships to incentivize the owners of those properties to invest in them, thus resulting in far better outcomes than would be the result of a government-only solution.

"Most of our grants go to actual homeowners, and are never more than 50% of the investment," he said. "When someone is getting one of the larger grants, it is rarely more than 10% of their total investment, and overall the rate of investment is 5-to-1 private to public.

"Some of the benefits to the public are: unsafe properties are made safe, property values increase, additional housing is developed, and, frankly, we have a much better looking community," Bartlett added. "I speak to visitors to Madison every weekend and they all notice how well-kept our community is. That brings tourists back who do business in our stores and restaurants as well as the hotels and bnbs, bringing many dollars into the local economy. In my view, the PACE program is worth much more than the few dollars that we give as grants."

Schwartz was in attendance at Tuesday's PACE meeting and said he "apologized if my letter came across as doubting the value or the benefits of the PACE program. That was absolutely not my intention. I fully support the PACE program and helping the community improve itself.

"My only concern, and the reason I wrote the letter, is to protect you from someone taking advantage of your generosity," Schwartz said. "Let's pretend the following scenario happens: An owner of a dilapidated structure applies to you for a grant. He puts up $25,000, you put up $25,000. He does some work on the house and he sells it for $50,000. He takes that $50,000 and moves to Florida. So part of the money is his but part of it is yours and that part came from taxes so it is misuse of tax money and he is removing your money from the community whereas all of us want that money to benefit the community .... my only question is how do we prevent that scenario from happening?"

Bartlett said the program and its guidelines are weighted to favor owner-occupied investment but either way the ratio of private to public investment is a win-win scenario for the city and its tax dollars. With grants ranging between a maximum of $7,500 for repairs and $25,000 for an approved demolition and rebuild in the site within two years, the city's 50-50 match rate is actually more like 1-5 in most cases and even higher as the scale of the project increased

"As a practical matter, when a dilapidated structure comes before us, inevitably the applicant is putting no less than $100,000 into it and typically they are putting more in terms of $300,000 or more into it by the time their project is complete," Bartlett said. "I understand what you're saying and the only thing that would prevent that from happening ... would be the simple aspect of being able to complete a project for $50,000. It's simply impractical in today's financial world, given the conditions that are necessary for it to be deemed a dilapidated structure in the program that we're running here."

Bartlett noted that "vast majority" of the applicants are homeowners who intend to live in the properties for years and pay property taxes on a more valuable home rather than sell the home for a quick profit. Those taxes funnel back into the city's coffers.

"We do occasionally have somebody come before the board and their intentions are to repair a home and flip it," Bartlett said. "They're honest with us and when we look at the overall project" it's still a sound investment for the city. "Again, no money is given out until the project is complete and inevitably they are putting $250,000 and $300,000 into the project," Bartlett said.

He also noted the application scoring considers the purpose of the property once it's complete and scoring favors those who are owner-occupied as opposed to own to rent or own to flip. Plus, the minimum scoring has been tightened this year to where it is more difficult to reach an approved score. "Most of the projects that come before us have been vetted well enough by staff before they even come before us that the scenario you're describing would be pretty well eliminated before they come before us," Bartlett said. "We still want to hear from the property owners, what they're doing, how they're doing it and have they considered the materials they are using and so on ... None of us will tell you that the process is perfect and that's why annually we review the project as a whole and make adjustments to the rules and the requirements."

Schwartz thanked the board for its time and for explaining the program in detail. He also posed one final question concerning where the money actually comes from for the PACE program

Nicole Schell director of planning for the city, noted the program is funded by a $100,000 allocation from city county, $300,000 from the city's Tax Increment Finance District board — the board that uses local funds to reinvest in the community — and $45,000 under an inter-local agreement with the Jefferson County Commissioners.

The PACE applications that scored high enough for recommendation Tuesday must now go before the city's Board of Public Works and Safety for final approval.

The next meeting of the PACE board is 5:30 p.m. on July 11 at Madison City Hall.

Cameron downplays Trump jury verdict

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron touted his endorsement from Donald Trump as an honor, reasserting his steadfast loyalty to the former president while campaigning for governor after a civil jury found the ex-president liable for sexually abusing an advice columnist nearly three decades ago.-

"He is a fighter and I am a fighter," Cameron said during a televised debate last week that didn't include his main rival for the nomination, Kelly Craft.

Republican candidates were campaigning all across the Bluegrass State ahead of today's primary, trying to set themselves apart in a race where the main contenders sound alike on core economic and social issues. Instead, most of the talk about issues was overshadowed by a barrage of attack ads between camps supporting Cameron or Craft. The heated tenor of the campaign may have exacerbated voter indifference, adding to the sense that the fiercest contest will come in November when the winner tries to knock off Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear.

"There doesn't seem to be a lot of enthusiasm or interest in this primary," said GOP political consultant T.J. Litafik. "I'm not seeing a particularly high level of engagement really anywhere in this state."

Trump's support for Cameron looms large in the 12-candidate GOP field. Trump easily carried Kentucky in his first two presidential runs and his coattails were long. When Trump won the White House in 2016, Kentucky Republicans gained control of the Kentucky House — achieving a decades-long dream as they cemented their dominance in the legislature.

Now Republicans are trying to wrest away the Democrats' last bastion of statewide power.

The party's nominee is expected to challenge Beshear, who is seeking reelection to a second term and faces nominal opposition in his party's primary. The governor has received consistently high voter approval ratings while presiding over record economic development and managing a series of tragedies, from the pandemic to tornadoes and floods. The fall campaign is a test of whether Democrats — even one seemingly as popular as Beshear — can hold their own in red states.

The Republican campaign has spiraled into a bitter rivalry between Cameron and Craft, who served as U.S. ambassador to Canada and the United Nations during Trump's presidency. The first-term attorney general has taken digs at Craft over his success in gaining Trump's nod, and the endorsement is featured on his campaign website and in TV ads promoting Cameron.

But as Trump faces a swirl of legal risks, Kentucky's chief law enforcement officer is likely to face continued questions about those cases if he emerges as the Republican nominee.

At the outset of a debate last Tuesday night, Cameron was asked about the jury verdict and how he now feels about Trump's endorsement. Hours earlier, a jury in New York found Trump liable for sexually abusing advice columnist E. Jean Carroll decades ago, awarding her $5 million.

"Well, I don't know the specifics of the civil complaint, and I understand it was something that involved something 30 years ago," Cameron said. "But I'm honored to have President Trump's endorsement."

Cameron then lashed out at a fellow prosecutor — the Manhattan district attorney at the forefront of a New York criminal case against Trump that's related to hush money payments made to a porn actor. Cameron said the prosecutor has "weaponized" the judicial system "to try to destroy" Trump.

During the same debate, GOP gubernatorial candidate Eric Deters stoutly defended Trump and said he looked forward to Trump winning back the White House in 2024.

"I believe the verdict is a bunch of balderdash," Deters said. "I believe the woman is lying."

Trump is also contending with investigations into his possible mishandling of classified documents, his actions after the 2020 election and his activities during the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Trump denies wrongdoing in all of those matters.

Trump's support remains solid in Kentucky despite his legal woes in New York, said Scott Jennings, a Kentucky-based Republican political commentator and former adviser to President George W. Bush.

"Obviously there's more to come for the rest of the year, but primary voting Republicans don't appear to be bothered by these New York City legal issues," Jennings said.

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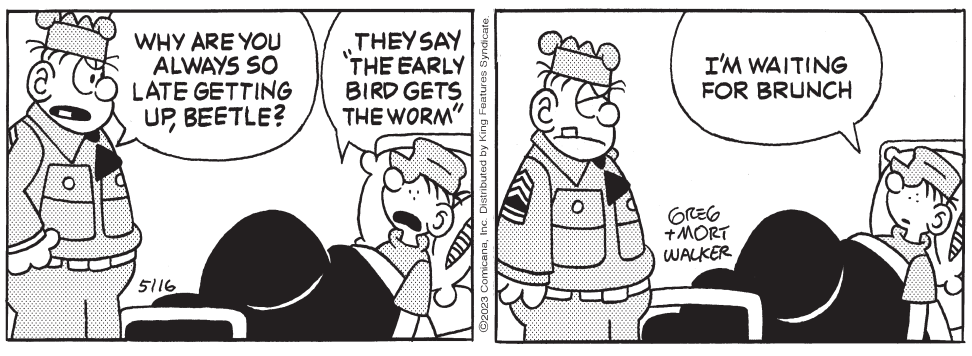
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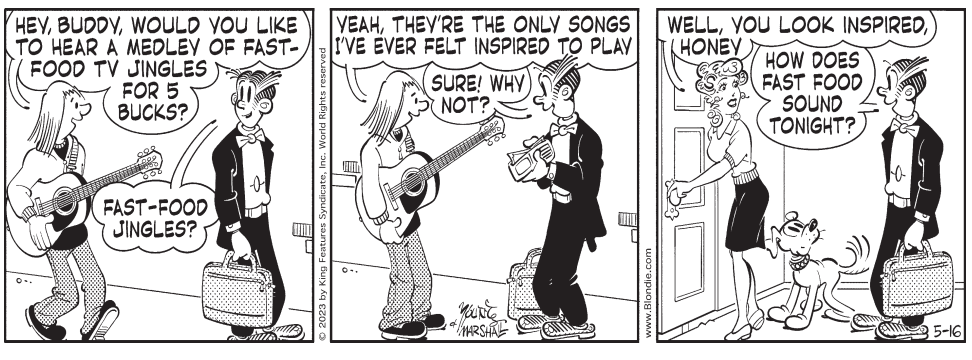
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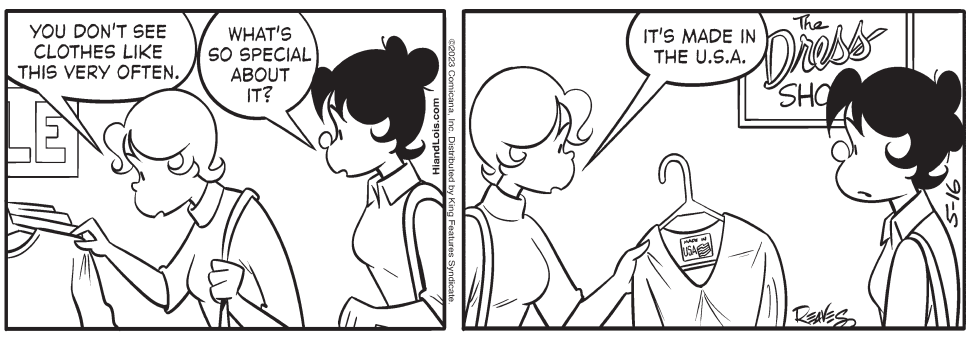

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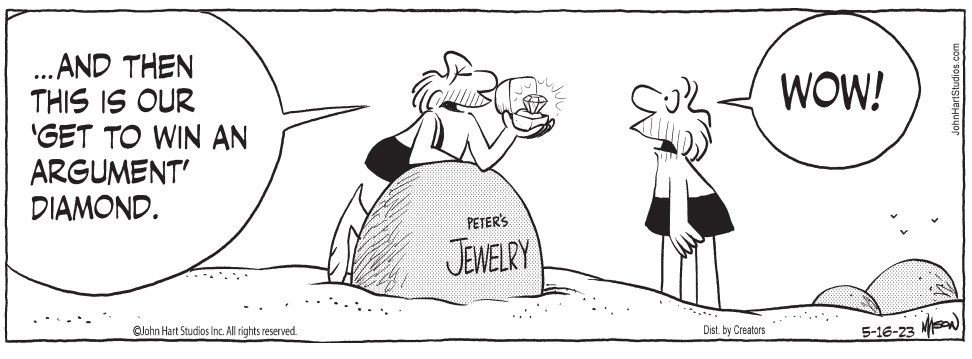

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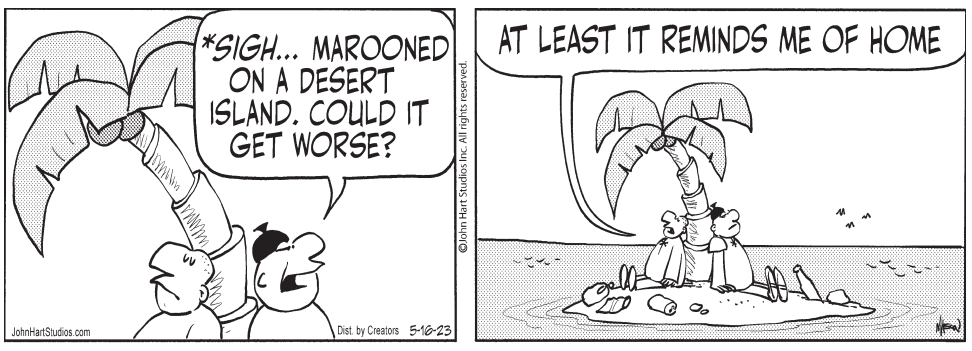
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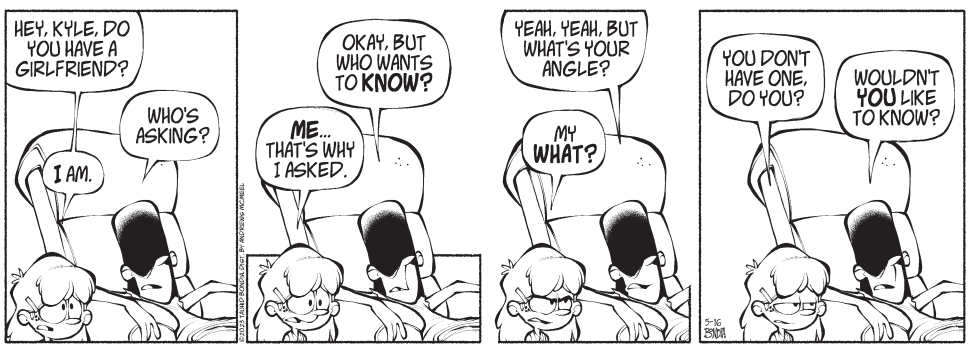
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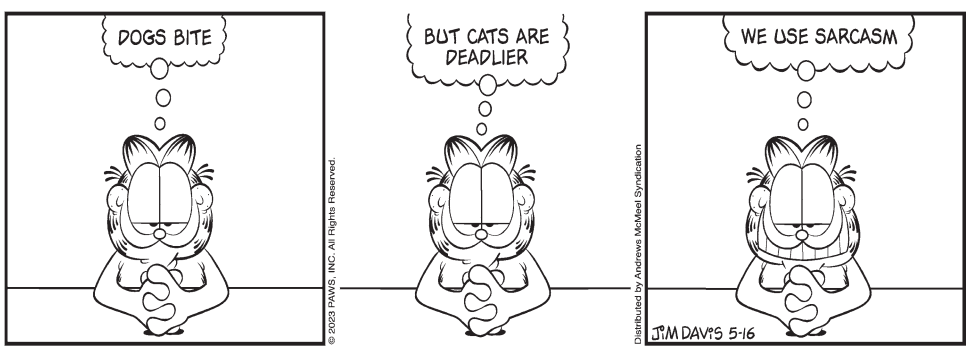
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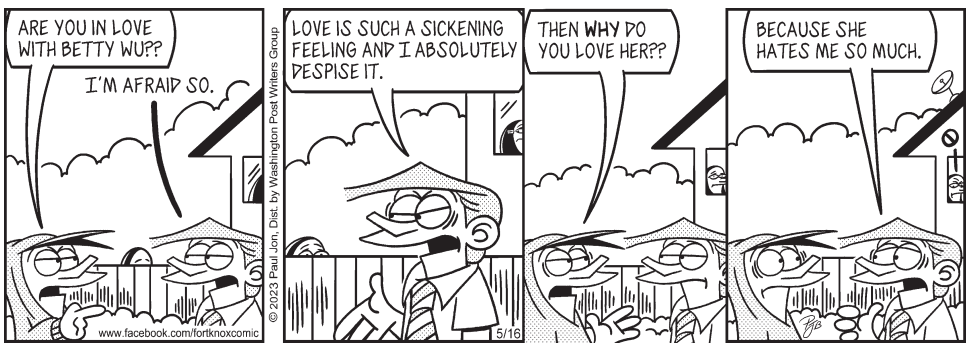
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH BETTY WU??
I'M AFRAID SO.
LOVE IS SUCH A SICKENING FEELING AND I ABSOLUTELY DESPISE IT.
THEN WHY DO YOU LOVE HER??
BECAUSE SHE HATES ME SO MUCH.
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PICKLES

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT, NELSON?
HEE HEE!
WHEN YOU DRINK OUT OF YOUR WATER BOTTLE, YOU SORTA LOOK LIKE A HAMSTER.
A HAMSTER? THAT'S RIDICULOUS, AND IT'S NOT NICE TO LAUGH AT PEOPLE!
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I'M GOING TO GO EXERCISE ON MY TREADMILL NOW.
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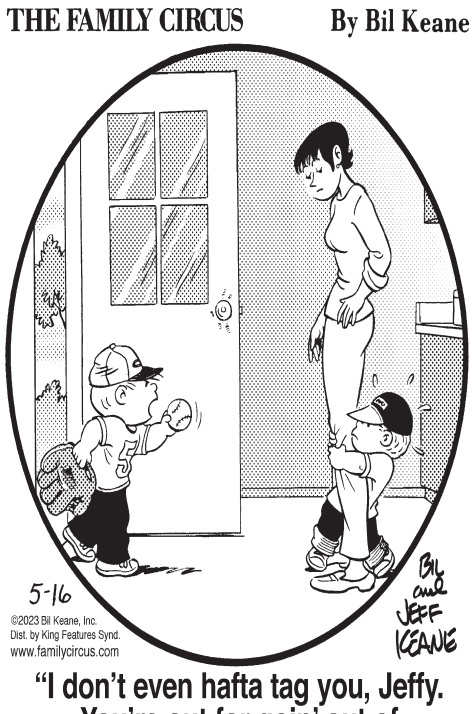

"I don't even hafta tag you, Jeffy. You're out for goin' out of the baseline."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'LL BET THESE DAYS TURN OUT TO BE THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES!"

BABY BLUES

FLOWERS? WHAT'S THE OCCASION?
NO OCCASION.
I JUST WANT TO SHOW YOUR MOM THAT I'M STILL THE CHARMING, THOUGHTFUL GUY SHE MARRIED.
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S A BIG ENOUGH BOUQUET?
THANKS FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.
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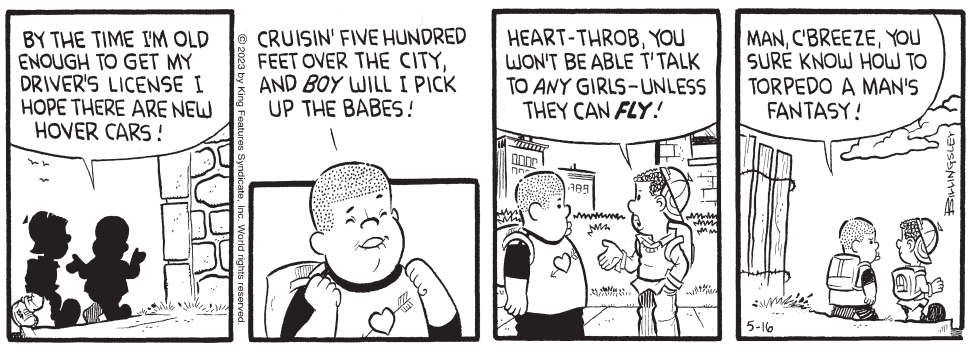
BY THE TIME I'M OLD ENOUGH TO GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE I HOPE THERE ARE NEW HOVER CARS!
CRUISIN' FIVE HUNDRED FEET OVER THE CITY, AND BOY WILL I PICK UP THE BABES!
HEART-THROB, YOU WON'T BE ABLE T'TALK TO ANY GIRLS-UNLESS THEY CAN FLY!
MAN, C'BREEZE, YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO TORPEDO A MAN'S FANTASY!
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SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION? IT'S LIKE...
BASICALLY, A CHILD COULD DO IT.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 16, the 136th day of 2023. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1943, the nearly month-long Warsaw Ghetto Uprising came to an end as German forces crushed the Jewish resistance and blew up the Great Synagogue.

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the first five-cent piece, also known as the "Shield nickel."

In 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented. "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings (YAHN'-ings) and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1939, the federal government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, New York.

In 1957, federal agent Eliot Ness, who organized "The Untouchables" team that took on gangster Al Capone, died in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, at age 54.

In 1960, the first working laser was demonstrated at Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, California, by physicist Theodore Maiman.

In 1966, China launched the Cultural Revolution, a radical as well as deadly reform movement aimed at purging the country of "counter-revolutionaries."

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1990, death claimed entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. in Los Angeles at age 64 and "Muppets" creator Jim Henson in New York at age 53.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton publicly apologized for the notorious Tuskegee experiment, in which government scientists deliberately allowed Black men to weaken and die of treatable syphilis.

In 2007, anti-war Democrats in the Senate failed in an attempt to cut off funds for the Iraq war.

In 2016, President Barack Obama called on the nation to support law enforcement officers as he bestowed the Medal of Valor on 13 who risked their lives.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama named a temporary chief for the scandal-marred Internal Revenue Service and pressed Congress to approve new security money to prevent another Benghazi-style terrorist attack. "The Office" aired its final episode after nine seasons on the air on NBC. Candice Glover won the 12th season of "American Idol" on Fox.

Five years ago: Officials at Michigan State University said they had agreed to pay $500 million to settle claims from more than 300 women and girls who said they were assaulted by sports doctor Larry Nassar. North Korea canceled high-level talks with South Korea after the nation engaged in joint military exercises with the United States.

One year ago: The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 hits 1 million. The once-unimaginable figure only hinted at the multitudes of loved ones and friends staggered by grief and frustration. Some of those left behind said they cannot return to normal.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Senator and Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker is 92. Former Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats is 80. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 79. Actor Danny Trejo is 79. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 76. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 70. Actor Debra Winger is 68. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 67. Olympic gold medal marathon runner Joan Benoit Samuelson is 65. Actor Mare Winningham is 64. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 59. Rock musician Krist Novoselic is 58. Singer Janet Jackson is 57. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue County) is 57. Actor Brian (BREE'-un) F. O'Byrne is 56. R&B singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 55. Actor David Boreanaz is 54. Political commentator Tucker Carlson is 54. Actor Tracey Gold is 54. International Tennis Hall of Famer Gabriela Sabatini is 53. Country singer Rick Trevino is 52. Musician Simon Katz is 52. TV personality Bill Rancic is 52. Actor Khary Payton is 51. Rapper Special Ed is 51. Actor Tori Spelling is 50. Singer-rapper B. Slade (formerly known as Tonex) is 48. Actor Lynn Collins is 46. Actor Melanie Lynskey is 46. Actor Jim Sturgess is 45. Actor Joseph Morgan is 42. DJ Alex Pall (The Chainsmokers) is 38. Actor Megan Fox is 37. Actor Drew Roy is 37. Actor Jacob Zachar is 37. Actor-comedian Jermaine Fowler is 35. Actor Thomas Brodie-Sangster is 33. Actor Marc John Jefferies is 33. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Ashley Wagner is 32. Actor Miles Heizer is 29.

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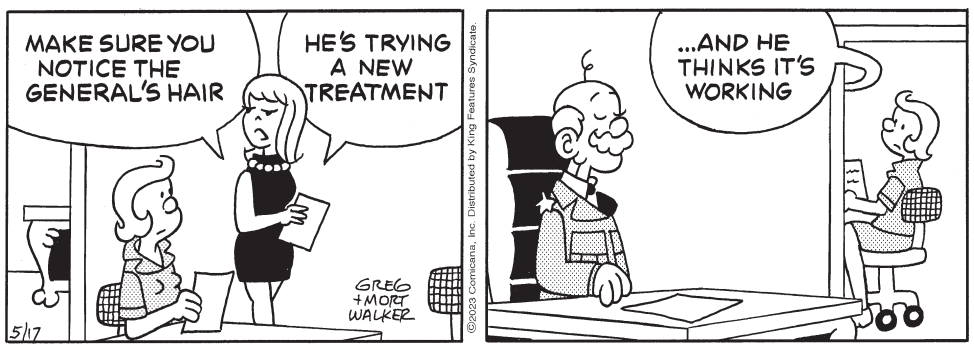
MAKE SURE YOU NOTICE THE GENERAL'S HAIR
HE'S TRYING A NEW TREATMENT
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...AND HE THINKS IT'S WORKING
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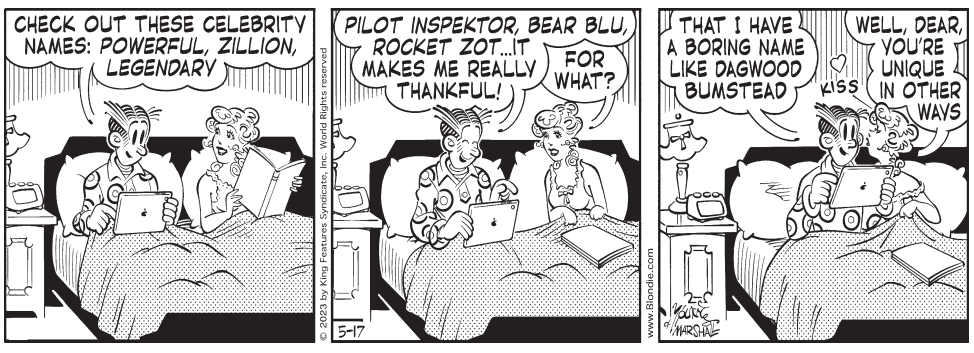
CHECK OUT THESE CELEBRITY NAMES: POWERFUL, ZILLION, LEGENDARY
PILOT INSPEKTOR, BEAR BLU, ROCKET ZOT...IT MAKES ME REALLY THANKFUL!
FOR WHAT?
THAT I HAVE A BORING NAME LIKE DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD
KISS
WELL, DEAR, YOU'RE UNIQUE IN OTHER WAYS
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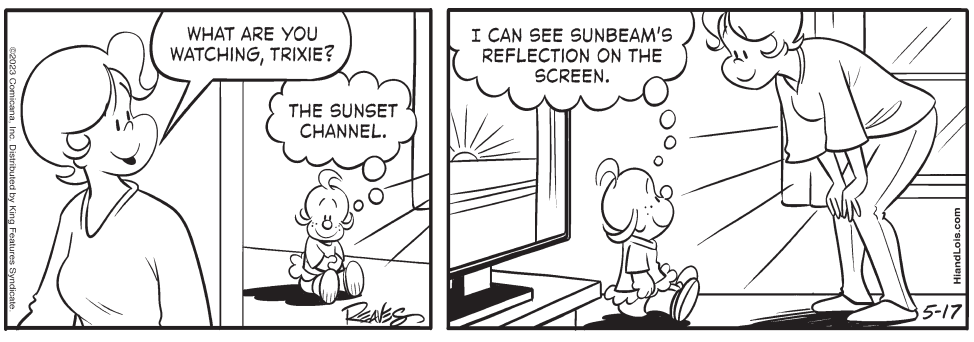
YOUNG MARSHALL

HI & LOIS


WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING, TRIXIE?
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I CAN SEE SUNBEAM'S REFLECTION ON THE SCREEN.
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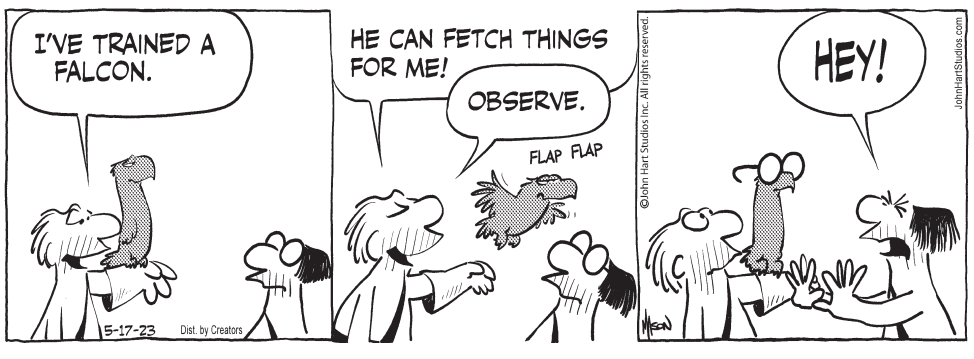

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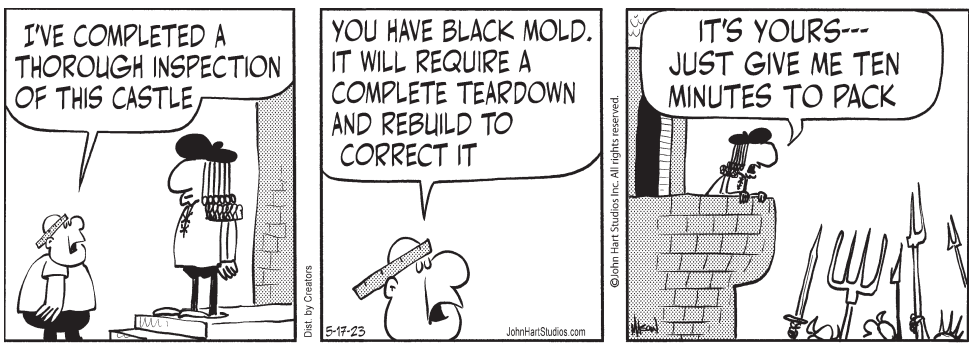
I'VE COMPLETED A THOROUGH INSPECTION OF THIS CASTLE
YOU HAVE BLACK MOLD. IT WILL REQUIRE A COMPLETE TEARDOWN AND REBUILD TO CORRECT IT
IT'S YOURS--- JUST GIVE ME TEN MINUTES TO PACK
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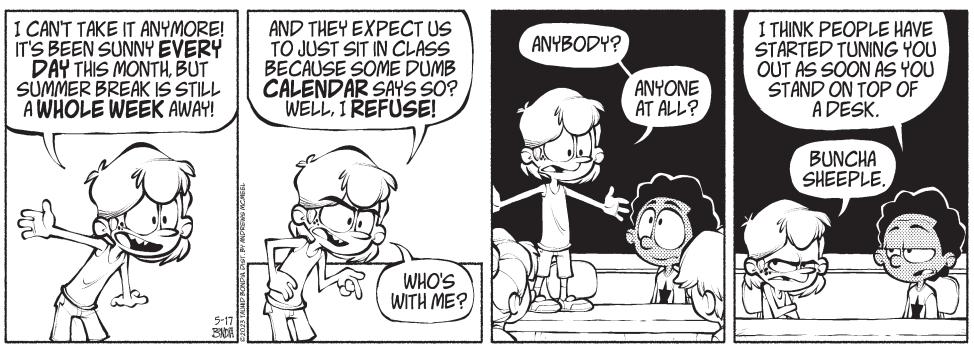
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! IT'S BEEN SUNNY EVERY DAY THIS MONTH, BUT SUMMER BREAK IS STILL A WHOLE WEEK AWAY!
AND THEY EXPECT US TO JUST SIT IN CLASS BECAUSE SOME DUMB CALENDAR SAYS SO? WELL, I REFUSE!
WHO'S WITH ME?
ANYBODY?
ANYONE AT ALL?
I THINK PEOPLE HAVE STARTED TUNING YOU OUT AS SOON AS YOU STAND ON TOP OF A DESK.
BUNCHA SHEEPLE.
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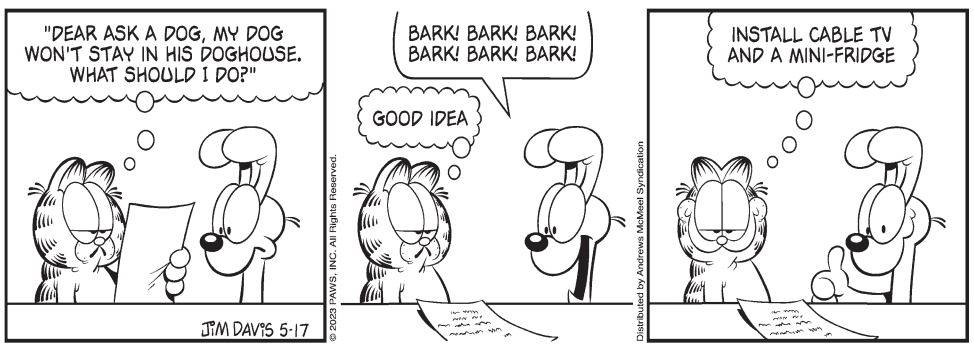
GARFIELD


"DEAR ASK A DOG, MY DOG WON'T STAY IN HIS DOGHOUSE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?"
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BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
GOOD IDEA
INSTALL CABLE TV AND A MINI-FRIDGE
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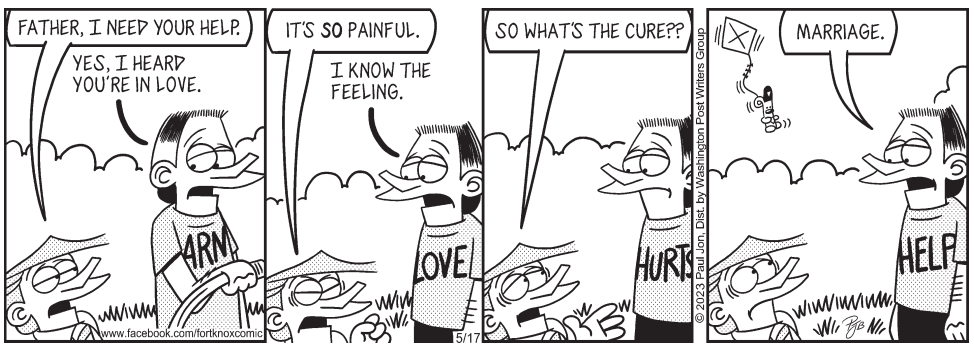

PICKLES

MUFFIN IS SO INDEPENDENT. SHE WON'T LET ME BRUSH HER FUR. SHE HAS TO DO IT HERSELF.
I HOLD THE BRUSH AND SHE RUBS UP AGAINST IT.
ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
LET ME KNOW WHEN SHE STARTS CHANGING HER OWN LITTER BOX. THEN I'LL BE IMPRESSED.
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FAMILY CIRCUS

"Do you want me to help or can you do my homework yourself?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THE ONLY TIME I HEAR MY MOM SWEAR IS WHEN SHE STEPS ON THESE SCALES."

BABY BLUES

AND TO FURTHER DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE, I WANT YOU TO ENJOY THIS GLASS OF WINE IN A NICE, RELAXING BUBBLE BATH.
OH, DARRYL, THAT IS SO SWEET...
...AND PERFECTLY TIMED.
WANNA SEE THE DEEPEST MUD HOLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?
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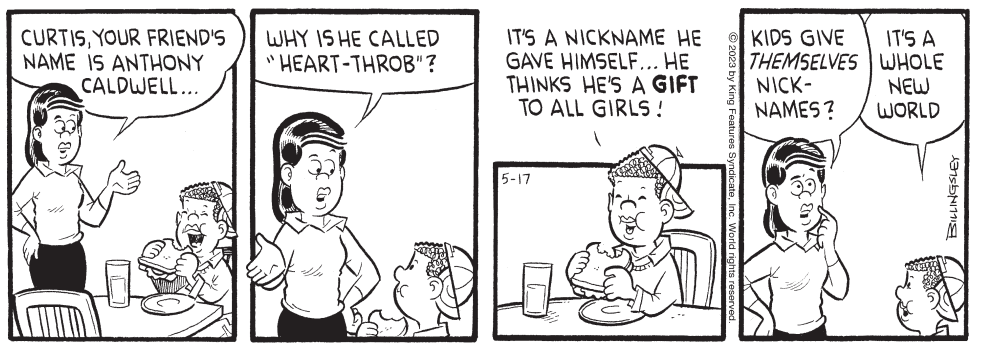
CURTIS, YOUR FRIEND'S NAME IS ANTHONY CALDWELL...
WHY IS HE CALLED "HEART-THROB"?
IT'S A NICKNAME HE GAVE HIMSELF... HE THINKS HE'S A GIFT TO ALL GIRLS!
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KIDS GIVE THEMSELVES NICK-NAMES?
IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD
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ZITS

HI, JEREMY! HOW WAS WORK?
GOOD.
I ROLLERBLADED OVER TO A MARKETING MEETING, THEN WE ALL PLAYED VOLLEYBALL UNTIL THE ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT STARTED.
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ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE OF JOE LUNCHBUCKET.
PACE YOURSELF, SWEETIE.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 17, the 137th day of 2023. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

On this date:

In 1536, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn invalid after she failed to produce a male heir; Boleyn, already condemned for high treason, was executed two days later.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying — but not preventing — a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating Black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq apologized for the attack, calling it a mistake, and paid more than $27 million in compensation.)

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in. ("Megan's Law," as it's known, was named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994.)

In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex marriages.

In 2010, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that young people serving life prison terms should have "a meaningful opportunity to obtain release" provided they didn't kill their victims.

In 2015, a shootout erupted between bikers and police outside a restaurant in Waco, Texas, leaving nine of the bikers dead and 20 people injured.

In 2017, the Justice Department appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller as a special counsel to oversee a federal investigation into potential coordination between Russia and the 2016 Donald Trump campaign.

In 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was tested for the coronavirus on live TV as he announced that all people in the state who were experiencing flu-like symptoms were eligible for tests.

Ten years ago: The ousted head of the Internal Revenue Service, Steven Miller, faced hours of intense grilling before Congress; both defiant and apologetic, Miller acknowledged agency mistakes in targeting tea party groups for special scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status, but insisted that agents broke no laws and that there was no effort to cover up their actions.

Five years ago: With six Democrats joining Republicans in voting to confirm her, Gina Haspel won Senate confirmation to become director of the CIA.

One year ago: President Joe Biden condemned the poison of white supremacy and said the nation must "reject the lie" of the racist "replacement theory" espoused by a shooter who killed 10 Black people in Buffalo, New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Gerety is 83. Singer Taj Mahal is 81. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 74. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 70. Boxing Hall of Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 67. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 64. Producer Simon Fuller (TV: "American Idol") is 63. Singer Enya is 62. Actor-comedian Craig Ferguson is 61. Rock singer-musician Page McConnell is 60. Actor David Eigenberg is 59. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is 58. Actor Paige Turco is 58. Actor Hill Harper is 57. TV personality/interior designer Thom Filicia is 54. Singer Jordan Knight is 53. R&B singer Darnell Van Rensalier (Shai) is 53. U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo is 52. Actor Sasha Alexander is 50. Rock singer-musician Josh Homme is 50. Rock singer Andrea Corr (The Corrs) is 49. Singer Kandi Burruss is 47. Actor Kat Foster is 45. Actor Ayda Field is 44. Actor Ginger Gonzaga is 40. Folk-rock singer/songwriter Passenger is 39. Dancer-choreographer Derek Hough is 38. Actor Tahj Mowry is 37. Actor Nikki Reed is 35. Singer Kree Harrison (TV: "American Idol") is 33. Actor Leven Rambin is 33. Actor Samantha Browne-Walters is 32. Actor Justin Martin is 29.

DISASTER DRILL

Photos by Bob Demaree

Local emergency responders participated in an disaster exercise Saturday, simulating a chemical release from a delivery truck near the Hanover College maintenance facility on campus. In this scene, firefighters rescue and evacuate Ronald Truman, a Hanover employee who was participating to help make the drill more realistic.

First responders gather together for planning prior to the start of Saturday's drill to practice responding to a chemical spill. The drill simulated a spill from a delivery truck at Hanover College and local emergency responders from throughout Jefferson County participated in the exercise.

Firefighters carry a dummy during a rescue exercise to simulate an evacuation and recovery of those injured during a chemical release from a truck. Local emergency responders from throughout Jefferson County participated in the exercise.

Firefighters deliver a dummy to a wash tank during a rescue drill to simulate an evacuation and recovery of those injured during a chemical release from a delivery truck. Local emergency responders from throughout Jefferson County participated on Saturday.

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Madison golfers beat Providence

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys golf fired a 148 to defeat Providence at home on Thursday.

Clayton Benkert led the Cubs with a one-under 35, which tied for low-medalist honors. Landon True carded a 36, Jackson Lynch a 37 and Henry Ashley a 40.

Madison travels to Milan on Tuesday and heads to Lawrenceburg on Thursday before competing in the Connersville Invitational on Saturday.

Rebel netters sweep CAI

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern had little trouble with Christian Academy of Indiana, dropping only 16 games while sweeping all five sets of a 5-0 win in girls tennis on Thursday.

In singles, Syrenia Hardy won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1, Emma Hatton won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 and Ava Barnes won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 3. In doubles, Autumn Gross and Natalie LaRue won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1 and Raygan Crawford and Kaylee Hite won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2.

Southwestern, now 14-3 on the season, hosted Jennings County on Saturday and Lawrenceburg on Monday to wrap up the regular season. The IHSAA Sectional Tournament begins on Wednesday at Greensburg. The draw for the tournament was held on Monday.

Hardy to play tennis at IUS

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern has had its share of outstanding girls tennis players over the past decade, but most have gone on to college to either play something other than that sport in college or to concentrate on their studies.

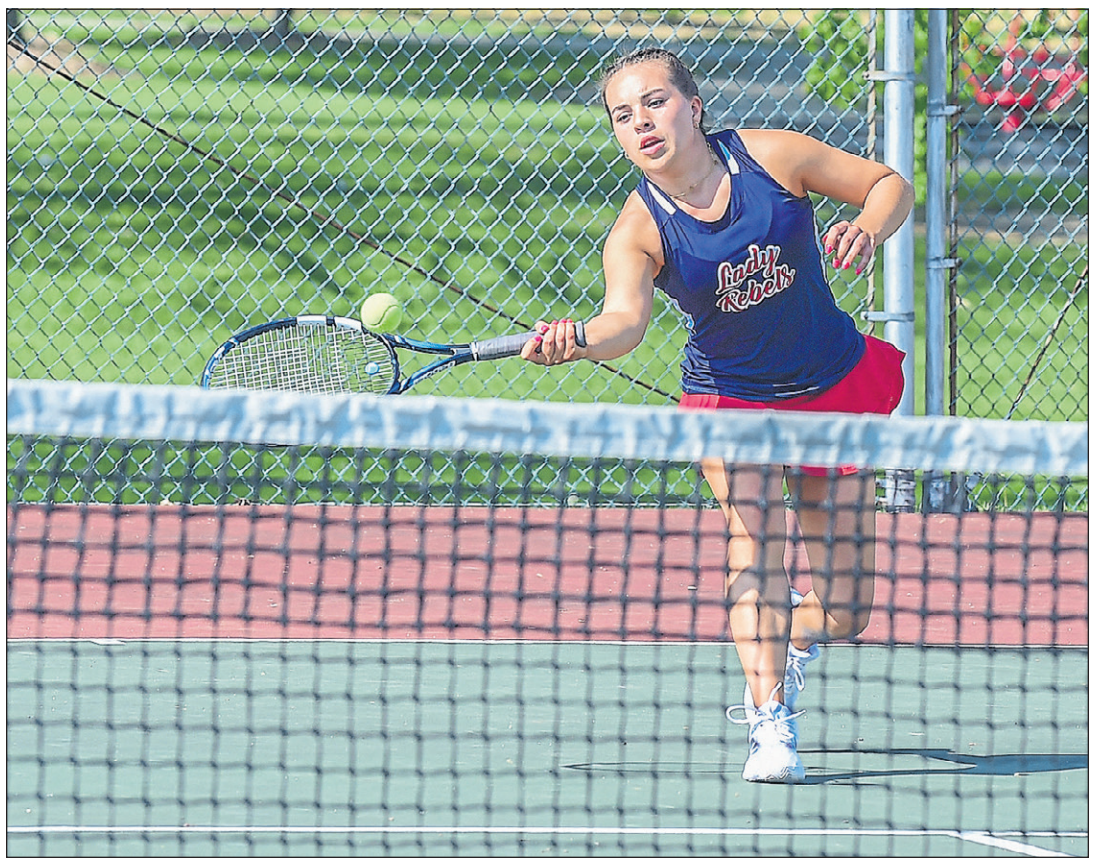
Last week, Syrenia Hardy became the rare Lady Rebel netter to head to college to play the sport that she loves when she signed to play tennis at Indiana University-Southeast.

It was a big moment for the Southwestern tennis program and Hardy herself couldn't be more thrilled to take the plunge.

"My mom went so I know that it's good. I went down there and toured and I also looked at Hanover, Franklin, Georgetown, just all kinds of other colleges but IUS was the one that I fell in love with," Hardy said. "It was close to home. It's only like 45 minutes away. And I went down there and practiced with the tennis team and just loved it because I knew one of the girls and so they're just super sweet. All of them. So sweet and a good environment."

Hardy has spent the past two seasons as one of Southwestern's top players, but playing behind talented teammates like Elle Ford and Jordan Worcester, she was forced into the No. 2 or No. 3 singles roles or in doubles.

But this year she got a chance at the Rebels' top spot and there she has shined, winning 13 matches against some of the best players in southeastern Indiana.



David Campbell

Southwestern senior Syrenia Hardy has signed to play tennis at Indiana University-Southeast after high school.

"Her sophomore year she stepped in and played No. 2 doubles and they had a fantastic season. They were 15-5 and won the clinching match for the sectional championship," Southwestern coach Kenny Garrett said. "Last year she was 20-2 in two, three singles, which is our school record right now."

Work ethic has never been a problem with Hardy, who is a leader both on and off the court. Possessing a bubbly personality that makes her a friend to all, she also has a desire to get better and has no problem putting the work in."

"She's just a sponge; she wants to get better. She wants to improve her game. She wants me to work on cut shots and from the backhand things like that with her," Garrett said. "She just wants to learn so she'll be great for (IUS coach Clif Winchell) down there and she's a great leader so I have no worries about her going down and doing a great job."

"It's great having a good coach like (Garrett) pushing me every single day, telling me what I can do better even when you think you're doing this awesome. Like there's

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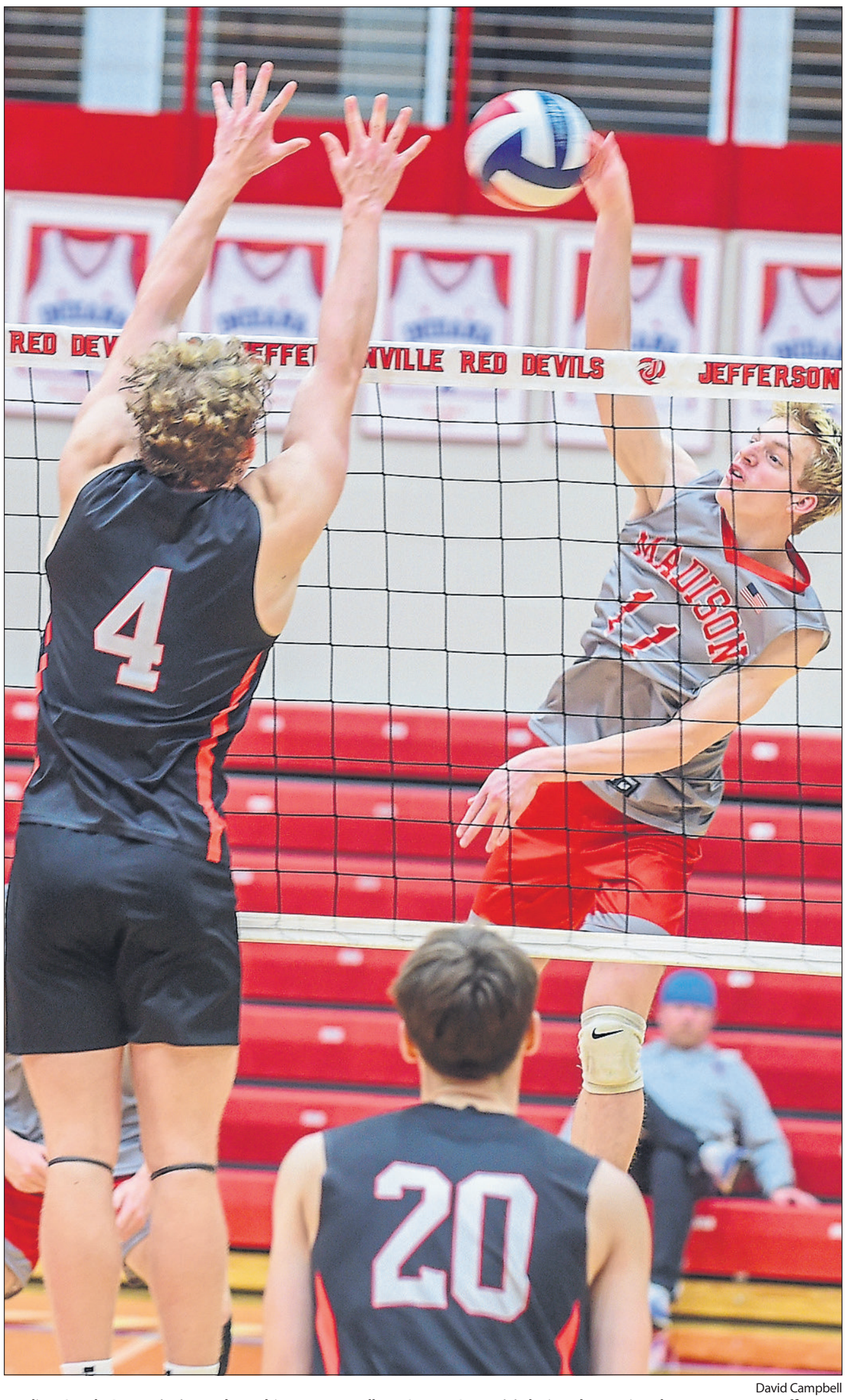

David Campbell

Madison's Kyle Roney (11) smashes a hit over New Albany's Kurt Geron (4) during the sectional tournament at Jeffersonville on Saturday.

Madison loses momentum in 5-set loss to New Albany

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

JEFFERSONVILLE — Madison won the first two sets of its sectional matchup with New Albany and seemed poised for advancement, but the Cubs lost that momentum quickly and then never recovered in a five-set loss in the semifinals of the boys volleyball sectional at Jeffersonville on Saturday.

The Cubs, playing in their first-ever boys volleyball sectional tournament, won each of the first two sets by identical 25-23 scores but couldn't sustain that momentum. New Albany led nearly start to finish in each of the final three sets and pulled away in the fifth for a 23-25, 23-25, 25-19, 25-21, 15-9 vistory.

It was a disappointing ending to the Cubs' inaugural season. But considering that nobody on the team had ever played a volleyball game before March, it was far from a disappointing season.

"If you're wanting to start and build a program, who could ask for anything better? We've got a great group of guys that really focused on learning the sport, and they did really well," Madison coach Randy Staggs said. "None of these guys had ever played in a competitive volleyball match before we started practicing, so I can't be disappointed at all in the way the program has advanced and to have this level of success in their very first year. I'll take it."

Madison did not play New Albany during the regular season but came right at the Bulldogs from the start. The Cubs' serve reception and passing allowed them to hold off New Albany over the first two sets and take what looked to be a commanding 2-0 lead.

But New Albany recovered, pulling away late to survive the third set and then starting quickly in the fourth en route to a win that knotted the match. The deciding fifth set was over quickly. After trading points early, New Albany ripped off a 6-0 run and never looked back.

Arguably no sport is more reliant on momentum than volleyball and Staggs said his team's inexperience hampered it in its attempt to stop the New Albany runs.

"I think there's a little bit differential in that match in experience. The more experience you have, the more opportunity you have to learn how to fight through those down moments," Staggs said. "They've got a good team. We had a good team and it was tight all the way down to the end. Now we'll learn from it and we're gonna work harder and come back stronger next."

Boys volleyball is listed as an "emerging sport" in Indiana and the sectional at Jeffersonville was one of 16 that took place across the state. Jeffersonville, which Madison beat twice during the regular season, defeated Silver Creek in the semifinals and New Albany in the finals to win the championship.

Staggs believes that the sport is well on its way to getting full status by the IHSAA. While five schools played in the sectional on Saturday, there are several other area schools that have started the sport but have not reached "full" status — like Southwestern, which played only three matches this season as it felt out the sport.

"There's quite a few programs in our area who are just kind of getting started and they maybe only played one or two or three matches this year. But I expect them to come back with a full program next year," Staggs said. "I think we'll easily reach the 100 schools that are needed to become a fully sanctioned IHSAA sport by 2025. Madison closes out its inaugural season with a 12-10 record. The Cubs graduate six seniors: Lyric Derrringer, Harrison Hall, Collin Hite, Sonny Koren, Isaiah Newman, and Liam Roney.

Southwestern rally falls short in loss to Providence

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern baseball battled Class 2A No. 2 Providence right down to the wire before falling 11-9 at home on Thursday.

The Rebels used a six-run fifth inning to take a 9-7 lead but it didn't last long. Providence tied the game with two runs in the sixth and went ahead in the seventh on a two-run home run by Grant Borden.

Southwestern didn't flinch. Austin Jenkins opened the Rebel seventh with a double and Jordan DeAtley and Jamison Lewis followed with back-to-back singles to load the bases with no outs.

But Southwestern couldn't get the tying runs across the plate as a fly out, strikeout and ground out ending the game.

Despite the loss, Southwestern coach Dan Thurston was pleased with the way his team performed against one of the best teams in the state.

"The one thing we said was that there's no such thing as a moral victory. But at the same time, I couldn't be more proud of our team for hanging in there," Thurston said. "Being down to the number two ranked team and to find a way to come back and actually have a lead there at the end with a chance to win was great to see."

Southwestern and Providence went back-and-forth all game. The Rebels took a 1-0 lead in the second on a squeeze bunt by Mason Lichlyter but Providence answered with four runs in the third and three more in the fourth to chase Southwestern ace Jordan DeAtley from the game.

But the Rebels kept chipping away. Adam Traylor knocked in a run in the third inning and Jamison Lewis smashed a line-drive in the fourth to close the lead to 7-3.

Southwestern erupted in the fifth inning when Traylor led off with a double and Brady Cook, Braxton Lewis, DeAtley and William Stockdale each collected hits and the Rebels scored six times to roar into the lead.

Although the lead didn't last, Thurston was happy to see his team fight back.

"I think we're trending in the right direction," Thurston said. "We're playing better and better. It's tournament time a week and a half away and we're playing our best baseball this season so far."

Traylor was 3-for-5 with a double, an RBI and a run scored for the Rebels while Jamison Lewis was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs, Stockdale was 3-for-5 with two RBIs and a run, DeAtley was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run, Braxton Lewis was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run, Cook was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Jenkins had a double and Tanner Jacobs had a single and scored a run.

Traylor was the third of three pitchers to the hill for Southwestern and suffered the loss after allowing two earned runs in two hits in two innings with four strikeouts and a walk. DeAtley started and went four innings allowing seven runs — four earned — on six hits with a strikeout and four walks.

On Friday, Southwestern rolled over South Ripley 6-0. Stockdale was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, Traylor had a double, Jacobs had a hit and scored two runs, Braxton Lewis had a hit, an RBI and scored a run, Brady Cook had a hit and scored a run, and Lichlyter had a hit.

Jamison Lewis pitched all seven innings on the hill to pick up the win, allowing two hits while striking out 13 and walking three.

On Saturday, Southwestern suffered a 5-2 loss at Salem. Lichlyter was 2-for-4 with a double, DeAtley had two hits and a run, Jamison Lewis and Traylor each had a hit and an RBI and Jenkins scored a run.

Traylor suffered the loss after allowing one earned run on five hits in four and a third innings with four strikeouts and four walks.

Southwestern started off the season with five-straight losses but currently stands at 14-10 overall and 9-1 in the Ohio River Valley Conference. The Rebels can close out the ORVC crown with wins over Milan on Monday and Switzerland County on Wednesday before hosting Brownstown on Saturday. The Rebels then set their sights on the sectional tournament next week.

"We've made a couple changes, but really, it was just repetition and we front-loaded the schedule on purpose," Thurston said of the slow start. "We kind of did it that way on purpose to get us prepared for the conference season and then get some momentum going towards the sectional.

"If we are fortunate to win out it'd be the second year in a row (to win the ORVC). We lost the first conference game of the year and then ran off 11-straight to be champions," Thurston said. "Not too shabby."

Photos by David Campbell

Southwestern's Jamison Lewis (16) is greeted at home plate by teammates (from left) Braxton Lewis, Adam Traylor and Jordan DeAtley after scoring the go-ahead run in the fifth inning of the Rebels' home game with Providence on Thursday. Southwestern ended up losing to the second-ranked Pioneers 11-7.

Southwestern's William Stockdale hammers a pitch during the Rebels' 11-9 loss to Providence on Thursday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 16

BASEBALL

Shawe at Crothersville, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co./Henry Co. vs. Eminence/Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament Championship at Henry Co., 6:30 p.m.

GOLF

Madison at Milan, 4:45 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Madison hosts South Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.
Trimble Co./Owen Co. vs. Carroll Co./Henry Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament Championship at Henry Co., 6:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSAA Sectionals at Madison, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

BASEBALL

Shawe at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.

GOLF

Southwestern hosts New Washington, Borden, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

BASEBALL

Madison hosts Brown Co., 6 p.m.

GOLF

Madison at Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.
Shawe hosts Switzerland Co., Milan, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern at Charlestown, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. boys, IHSAA Sectional at Jeffersonville, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 19

BASEBALL

Shawe hosts Oldenburg, 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Madison at Providence, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, IHSAA Sectional at Greensburg, TBA

TUESDAY EVENING

	Jefferson	Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6		2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Night	Night	The Wall (N)		Weak Link (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4			CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	FBI "Torn" (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2			News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Night	Night	The Wall (N)		Weak Link (N)		News
8 WISH	12			News (N)		Insid..	ET (N)	Superman		Gotham Kn.		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23			News	World..	News	The List	Jeopardy! (N)		Judge (N)		Celebrity Fam		News
11 WHAS	11		4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Jeopardy! (N)		Judge (N)		Celebrity Fam		News
15 WKPC	13			Ameri..	Edition	Primary 2023 (N)						Vanis..	Art/H..	BBC..
19 WXIX	10			FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	9-1-1: Lone Star (N) (SF)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5		5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	FBI "Torn" (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		News
34 WBKI	7		7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Superman		Gotham Kn.		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8		9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	9-1-1: Lone Star (N) (SF)				WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28		36	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Neigh..	Road..	Road..	Neigh..
AMC	29		26	★ Major League II ('94) Charlie Sheen.					★★★ Major League ('89) Tom Berenger.					Movie
COM	45		59	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	(:20) The Office		TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..
DISC	31		38	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Catch (N)		Naked "Cache Me if You Can"				Afraid
DISN	25		29	Kiff	Kiff	Ladyb..	Marvel..	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..
ESPN	32		44	SportCtr (N)		NBA		Lottery	Lottery	NBA Basketball				
FREE	18		40	★ 10 Things I Hate About You				★ The Waterboy ('98)				How I..	How I..	700Club
FX	40		28	(5:00) ★ Kingsman: The Golden ...				★★★ The A-Team ('10) Liam Neeson.					★ The A-Team	
HBO	201		17	Foot..	(:50) ★★★ Black Adam ('22)					Angel City (P)		Barry	(:40) White	
MAX	270		73	(:10) ★★ 12 Rounds ('09)				★★★ Kin ('18)			(:45) ★★ Hellboy ('19)			
NEWSNTN	20		20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35		41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Meet the Parents Robert De Niro.				★ Meet the F...		
SHOW	221		16	Movie	★ Bodies Bodies Bodies			(:05) ★★★★ X ('22) Mia Goth.				Yellow "Burial"		Waco..
TMC	233		74	(:15) ★ 13 Minutes ('21)				(:05) ★★★★ Source Code			(:45) ★★★★ Fargo ('96)			
TNT	27		43	(4:30) ★ Bride...		★★★★ Beauty and the Beast ('17)					★★★★ Beauty and the Beast ('17)			
USA	26		33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:10) ★ Rambo: Last Blo...		

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	Jefferson	Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6		2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4			CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Survivor (N)		True Lies (N) (F)				CBS4..
5 WLWT	2			News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		News
8 WISH	12			News (N)		Insid..	ET (N)	The Flash (N)		Riverdale (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23			News	World..	News	The List	Jeopardy! (N)		Celebrity Wheel		Game Show (N)		News
11 WHAS	11		4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Jeopardy! (N)		Celebrity Wheel		Game Show (N)		News
15 WKPC	13			Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Wild Sca (N)		NOVA (N)		Iconic (N)		BBC..
19 WXIX	10			FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Masked (N) (SF)		Farmer (N) (SF)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5		5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	Survivor (N)		True Lies (N) (F)				News
34 WBKI	7		7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	The Flash (N)		Riverdale (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8		9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	Masked (N) (SF)		Farmer (N) (SF)		WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28		36	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..	Cour..
AMC	29		26	(4:00) ★★★ Scarface ('83)				★★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94)						Movie
COM	45		59	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	South..	Awk..	South..
DISC	31		38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedi..
DISN	25		29	Kiff	Kiff	Ladyb..	Marvel..	Big City	Big City	Villains	Villains	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..
ESPN	32		44	SportCtr (N)		SportsCenter		NHL Hockey					SportCtr (N)	
FREE	18		40	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	700Club
FX	40		28	★ xXx: Return of Xander Cage				★★★★ Iron Man ('08) Robert Downey Jr..						Movie
HBO	201		17	Barry	(:45) ★★★ Amsterdam ('22) Christian Bale.					Angel City (N)		(:05) White		Succes..
MAX	270		73	(5:50) ★★★ Moonfall ('22)				★★★ Little Black Book			(:45) ★★★ Heartbreakers ('01)			
NEWSNTN	20		20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35		41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★ Old School ('03)				★★★ The Break-Up ('06)		
SHOW	221		16	★★★★ WarGames ('83)				(:05) ★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off				★ About Last Night ...		
TMC	233		74	(:20) ★ Win a Date With Tad H...				★★★★ Lady Bird ('17)			(:35) ★★★ Stillwater ('21)			
TNT	27		43	Lucifer		Shaq	Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball						In NBA
USA	26		33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

THURSDAY EVENING

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4 WTTV	4			CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	So Help Me (SF)		CSI: Vegas (SF)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2			News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Law (N) (SF)		Law-SVU (SF)		Law-Crime (SF)		News
8 WISH	12			News (N)		Zone	ET (N)	Walker		100 Days		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23			News	World..	News	The List	Station 19 (SF)		Grey's Anatomy (N) (SF)				News
11 WHAS	11		4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Station 19 (SF)		Grey's Anatomy (N) (SF)				News
15 WKPC	13			Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBC..
19 WXIX	10			FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Alert "Chloe"		Animal	Animal	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5		5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	Sheldon	Sheldon	So Help Me (SF)		CSI: Vegas (SF)		News
34 WBKI	7		7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Walker		100 Days		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8		9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	Alert "Chloe"		Animal	Animal	WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28		36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First (N)		City Conf. (N)		First48
AMC	29		26	(5:45) ★★★★ The Breakfast Club				★★★★ Pitch Perfect ('12) Anna Kendrick.				★ Pitch Perfe...		
COM	45		59	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	(:20) The Office		TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..
DISC	31		38	(5:30) BattleBots (N)				BattleBots (N)					Dirty Jobs	
DISN	25		29	Kiff	Kiff	Ladyb..	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Hams..	Marvel..
ESPN	32		44	(1:00) PGA Cha..		SportC..	NBA	NBA (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball				
FREE	18		40	(5:00) ★★★ Second Act			★★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02)					Good Trbl (N)		700Club
FX	40		28	(5:30) ★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10)				★★★ Venom ('18) Tom Hardy.				Patient	The Patient (N)	
HBO	201		17	(5:40) Su..	(:50) ★★★ Death on the Nile ('22)					Angel City (F)		Some..	Barry	White
MAX	270		73	(:10) ★★★ Lakeview Terrace ('08)				★★★ Hackers ('95)			(:45) ★★ Legion ('10) Paul Bettany.			
NEWSNTN	20		20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35		41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ The Blind Side ('09) Sandra Bullock.						Movie
SHOW	221		16	(5:00) ★★★★ Seabiscuit			★ Walkaway Joe ('20)			Waco: The		Yellow "Burial"		Movie
TMC	233		74	(:15) ★★★★ Fargo ('96)				★★★★ Casino ('95) Robert De Niro. (P)						Movie
TNT	27		43	(5:00) ★ Hancock		NHL Preg. (N)		NHL Hockey				NHL ..		TBA
USA	26		33	(5:00) ★★★★ Independence Day				★★★ Hulk ('03) Jennifer Connelly, Eric Bana.						Movie

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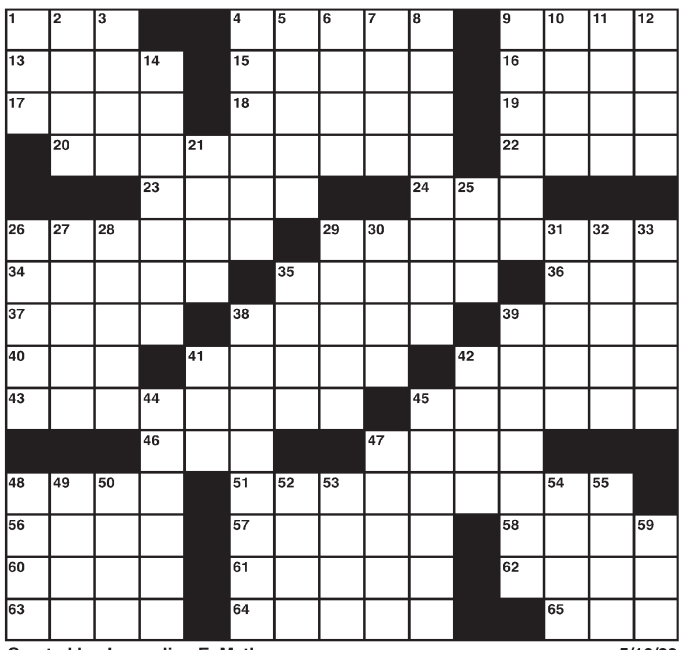
ACROSS
1 Beaver creation
4 "__ Johnny!"; Ed McMahon's line
9 Read over quickly
13 Alimony payers
15 Sticks out like __ thumb
16 Massive
17 Mixer speed
18 2009-17 White House resident
19 Mountain goat
20 Male animals
22 TV's "__ New York"
23 McClanahan & others
24 Man's nickname
26 Far from lenient
29 Nudging
34 Spare tire's place
35 Forest hideaways
36 Airport rental
37 Chimed
38 Part of a pound
39 Paper towel brand
40 Sonny Liston's defeater
41 At __; free to roam
42 Longed
43 Part of IHOP
45 Make a mess of things
46 Spring month: abbr.
47 Majority
48 Unkempt fellow
51 Constant
56 Cab
57 Portals
58 Equipment
60 Hot spot
61 Overeat
62 Catch a glimpse of
63 Chef's needs
64 Stopped
65 20th letter

DOWN
1 Girl's nickname
2 Bladed tools
3 Beef or pork
4 Small village
5 Namesakes of actor Morales
6 Chocolate/ caramel candy
7 Actress Moran
8 Coast
9 Protective plate
10 Island nation
11 Matures
12 Barber's call
14 Rubberneck's activity
21 Good fortune
25 Pop-ups
26 Part of a backpack
27 "The flowers that bloom in the spring, __…"
28 Altercation
29 Hunger signals
30 Asian meal staple
31 Sweet coating
32 Belly button
33 A- or B+
35 Entice; attract
38 The __ Boys; country/gospel quartet
39 Like antique shop wares
41 Napkin's spot
42 Cat
44 Log homes
45 __ around; gave orders to
47 Come together
48 Traffic sign
49 Mauna Loa's output
50 Work animals
52 Time for a meal
53 Drape puller
54 Robin's home
55 Sticky strip
59 Deli loaf



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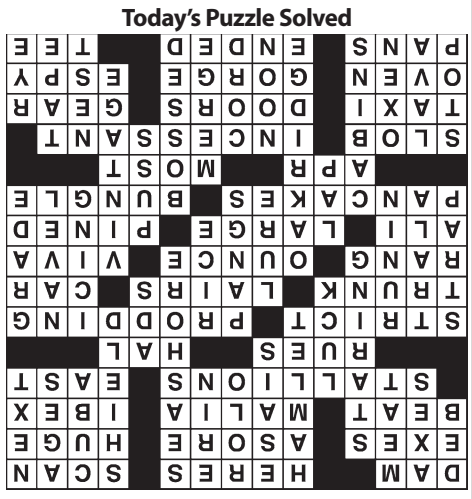

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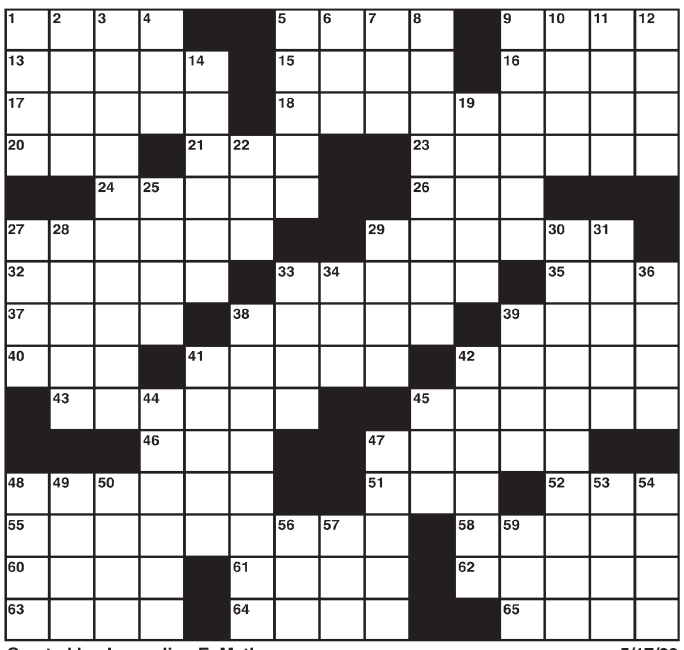
ACROSS
1 Kite part
5 Thurman & others
9 Scorch
13 Portrayer of TV's Lou Grant
15 Scalp problem
16 Cartoonist Goldberg
17 1 of 5 senses
18 Like most fly balls
20 Fire __; stinging bug
21 King topper
23 Christmas tree bling
24 Speed detector
26 Type; kind
27 Have-not
29 Unwanted growths
32 NASCAR car
33 Makes a profit
35 Collide with
37 Cheerios ingredients
38 Provokes
39 Fly alone
40 __ Paulo, Brazil
41 Exists
42 Main field of study
43 Show up
45 Many a Little League rooter
46 Australian bird
47 Battlefield doc
48 Attack violently
51 Ram's mate
52 Pewter component
55 Polite
58 Join together
60 Stable mother
61 __ over; topples
62 Sign of life
63 __ out a victory; just barely won
64 Murder
65 __ up; shred

DOWN
1 "See ya!"
2 As comfortable __ old shoe
3 Teacher
4 Allow
5 Reason to take Prilosec
6 Ms. Farrow
7 __ of God; natural disaster
8 Parts
9 In a bad mood
10 Very busy airports
11 Is __ to; can
12 Rod and __; fishing gear
14 Early schoolbook
19 Sledding spots
22 Train unit
25 Gorillas
27 Experts
28 Perfect report card
29 Bakery display
30 Arrow or missile
31 Beauty shop
33 __ in; cave
34 Ginger __; mixer
36 Late Sahl
38 Small streams
39 Wraparound garment
41 "The sky's the __!"
42 Buried the hatchet
44 Raised, as kids
45 Seat for many
47 Cluttered
48 Pinnacle
49 Enjoy a long bath
50 Certain
53 "__ Small World"
54 __-do-well; loser
56 Wesson product
57 Put __ fuss; resist
59 Kook



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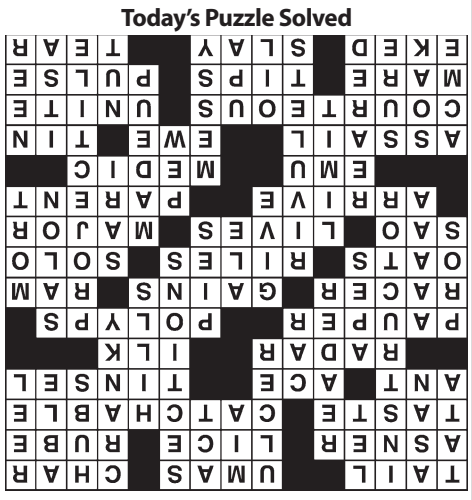

Elderly mother is caught in an anxious cycle

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My mother raised eight children. She is now in her late-70s, and lives alone.

Recently she received a cancer diagnosis and we have been taking turns getting her to appointments and helping with errands, chores, meals, etc.

We are happy to help, and tell her so.

My problem is that she gets very emotional and constantly apologizes to us, saying variations of: "Children should never have to care for their mother" and stating that she is "a burden" to us.

Constant reassurance from us is not helping.

How can we help her to understand that we want to help, and are happy to do so?

She spent many years caring for her own mother at the end of my grandmother's life, so I'm not sure if that is part of it or not.

What do you think? – Feeling Helpless

Dear Helpless: I suspect that your mother's lengthy experience taking care of her own mother probably is a factor informing her emotional response now.

People seldom talk about this, but for some, caregiving for an elder parent can be a traumatic and ultimately heartbreaking experience.

If that was the case with your mother, her current situation has triggered some very real distress, and – like the loving and concerned mother she is – she is upset by the prospect of any of you having a similar experience.

Your mother has also received a frightening diagnosis. This may have triggered extreme anxiety (who could blame her?!), and the way she is ruminating and resistant to comfort should be a cause for concern for her health care team.

My first suggestion is to make sure that her physicians know about her rumination and anxiety. This might be a cognitive issue exacerbated by lack of sleep, diet, or medications.

Sociable children tax mom's hosting talents

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I'm a mother of two children, ages 7 and 10.

My kids enjoy playing with their friends outside of school, and I mostly don't mind hosting playdates.

We do way more than our share of hosting, however.

One of my son's best friends is frequently invited to our house, but rarely reciprocates.

The mom even acknowledges that they "need to have him (my son) over," but the invite never seems to arrive.

This mom is busy (she has three kids) and rarely turns down our invitations, but rarely invites my son over.

Short of inviting ourselves to their house, is there a way to politely ask them to play there more often?

I get tired of having the same kids over and rarely getting invited back, but I don't want my son to never get to play with his bestie, either.

Should I just suck it up? – Tired of Hosting

Dear Tired: Children, like adults, vary in terms of their friendship and companionship wants and needs.

It sounds as if your son is a sociable child who enjoys having friends around, and he has a mom who is generous and accommodating.

(I assume you also have one of those houses that kids enjoy spending time in, with an accommodating parent who has games, toys, and snacks at the ready.)

Your son's "bestie's" mother has three children.

You don't note their ages, but raising three children is exponentially more challenging than raising two.

According to a 2013 survey of "more than 7,000 mothers" by Today.com, the women reported that three children is the most stressful number of kids to have (those with more than three children reported that achieving a "critical mass" at home seems to make things easier).

I'll suggest three ways to achieve more balance:

By "sucking it up" a little bit more – perhaps by taking more well-deserved pride in your parenting and your sociable household.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might wake up to the fact that you have put too many irons in the fire. It can be challenging to accomplish everything you have started. Handle frustration wisely or you may be tempted to abandon something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could find that someone's good manners and willingness to cooperate may help to accelerate your plans. Keep your eye on the prize for the team, not a stepping-stone for yourself. The simplest solution to a problem might be the best one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be thoughtful about keeping a key relationship on an even keel. Any apology you make could be accepted if you are sincere and take the time to offer it. Circumstances may cause you to revise your goals and plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Restrain a tendency to go to extremes. A partner or friend could have unbridled confidence and enthusiasm in a plan that on second thought might be too complex to execute. Applaud courage but use common sense before you finalize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Listen and learn; remain alert for grumbles and rumbles of discontent. Someone's dissatisfaction may not seem logical or make sense to you, but it can still be a valid concern. Settle possible disputes before they can grow messier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Test the waters first by tentatively dipping in a toe. Try not to dive into something new without all the facts. You may be generous to a fault but confused by responses or puzzled by mixed messaging from a partner or friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You can gain someone's trust by speaking to their needs rather than your own. If you insist on strict protocols, you could risk causing a rift. Launching a major project under these poor conditions may only slow you down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — When one door closes, another may open. Just be sure that you do not waste time regretting the closed door or you may forget to look for the open one. You might make more money simply by being more thoughtful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — There may be valuable information in the news. You could hear something that will prevent you from overspending or wasting resources at an inopportune time. Good advice could be readily available.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Let your inner passion for excellence guide your hand. Remember that bigger may not necessarily be better. You do not need to make grand gestures to ensure that family members appreciate your ambition and hard work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — When times are tough, or you are placed in a frustrating position, it can be tempting to skirt the rules. Never jeopardize your good reputation by doing anything that could fall within a moral gray area.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Triggered people can seem to be on the defensive. You might be overly sensitive to criticism or feel unable to cope, so you might overreact to someone's bad temper. Someone could drag you down to their level unless you remain positive.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Try to restrain your exuberance. It can be easy to rub someone the wrong way, so make a point of being polite and considerate. You might learn the hard way to count to 10 when you are impatient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Wait until you have a blank page to move on to the next chapter. At the moment, you may be too busy tying up loose ends to make a successful fresh start. Offer someone else encouragement while you wait.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Review your hopes and dreams, write down your ideas and goals. Remember there might be no limit to wishes, only your capacity for being realistic. Do not let an irrational fear of failure hold you back from aspirations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Pick and choose your companions wisely. Resist pairing up with someone who may be overly dramatic, or who has anger issues. You might be tempted to shake things up just to show that you cannot be controlled or coerced.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Weigh the pros and cons of a launch. The only perfect "condition" worth waiting for is advantageous timing. There could be more drawbacks than benefits right now, so hold off on launching new enterprises for now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There may be more than one instance of indecision in your day. That could be a sign that you are not ready to make a heartfelt commitment to a business proposition or investment. Patiently wait for your optimum timing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Put the cap on bottled up emotions. No matter what you do, you could seem more interested in your own agenda. You might not obtain support from friends or persuade people to take your side by appealing to their sympathies right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Do your best the first time around. There are no dress rehearsals when there is a crucial job to do or an important new client to impress. Someone's opinion can influence the outcome, so put forth your best efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Extravagances may seem worth every penny. In your mind, the difference between being ordinary and extraordinary is often that little extra bit. Enjoy putting the fruits of your labors to excellent use.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make a stand about what you believe in and care about. If you see injustices, you can be willing to take charge and make improvements. Guard against possibly pressuring someone and causing a dispute.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Sometimes you can learn additional lessons considerably different than the teacher intended to teach. Consider whether a shortcut or discount will still deliver the same value. Avoid pressure tactics.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Try not to make value judgments. It may be easy to criticize someone who is in a hurry unless you have run a mile in their trainers. Those who want sympathy or a shoulder to cry on can drain your resources and emotions.

Rebels regroup from loss to Milan to whip South Ripley

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern was limited to just three hits in a 13-0 loss to Milan in softball Thursday at home.

Breona Brewer, Chloey Leach and Nataley Morrison each had hits for the Rebels.

Ashley Fulton took the loss for Southwestern after giving up nine earned runs on eight hits in an inning and a third with a strikeout and two walks.

The Rebels had little trouble with South Ripley on Friday, rolling to a 26-2 win.

Allie Birchfield had a double, five RBIs and four runs scored for the Rebels while Morrison was 2-for-5 with a double, two RBIs and two runs.

Fulton was 2-for-2 2ith three RBIs and three runs scored, Brewer was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs, Jenna Owens was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs, Bri Johnson had two hits, an RBI and scored four runs, and Rorie Scroggins had a hit, three RBIs and two runs.

Fulton picked up the win after allowing two unearned runs on three hits in five innings with six strikeouts and two walks.

Southwestern, now 14-11 overall and 4-5 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Providence on Monday. The Rebels host Switzerland County on Wednesday and travels to Charlestown on Thursday to close out the regular season.

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2305-EU-000032
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
KENNETH CUSHMAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on May 9, 2023, Rodney Nay was appointed personal representative of the estate of Kenneth Cushman, deceased, who died on April 5, 2023.
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Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 9th day of May 2023.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court
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Madison softball falls at Shelbyville

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's softball team made the long trek to Shelbyville and suffered a 9-1 loss on Friday.

Emily Laufer had a double for the Cubs while Hailey Huffman and Kylie Montgomery each had hits. Kyra Ayler drove in a run and Kallie Eder scored the run.

Eder suffered the loss in the circle after allowing seven runs — just one earned — on eight hits in four and two-thirds innings with three strikeouts and three walks.

Madison, now 15-7 on the season, hosts South Dearborn on Tuesday and closes out the regular season at Providence on Friday.

Hanover's softball season ends in HCAC tourney

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover softball saw its season end with a heart-breaking 4-3 loss to Franklin in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament on Friday in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Panthers, the No. 6 seed, lost their opening round game of the double-elimination tournament 1-0 to Manchester on Thursday, but rebounded to beat Defiance 9-1 on Saturday. But their run ended with the loss to Franklin.

Manchester scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the sixth to win the opener. Sydnie Raisor had two hits for Hanover while Kendra Hutchison, Lauren Beaman and Cadence Northern had a hit each. Beaman allowed just four hits over six innings and took the loss.

Hanover used a six run fourth inning to pull away from Defiance for the win. Dani Steward was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and Beaman and Elliot Mays each had doubles for the Panthers. Beaman got the win in the circle.

Beaman had a double and two RBIs and Hutchison had a double in the loss to Franklin. Beaman went all seven innings in the circle and took the loss.

Hanover ends the season with a 16-25 record.

Switzerland pulls away to beat Carroll in softball

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County scored seven runs in the fourth and five more in the sixth to pull away for a 12-2 win over Carroll County in softball on Thursday in Vevay.

Macy Cook was 2-for-4 with a triple, a double, three RBIs and two runs for the Pacers, Bri Stow was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and two runs, Hayley Adams was 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs, Maddie Levell was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, Jessica Bruce had a double and an RBI, Kayla Cutter had a hit, an RBI and a run scored, and Emily Oatman and Klayre Smith each had a hit.

Adree Dermon had a hit and an RBI, Courtney Strickland had a hit and scored a run, and Alyssa Dermon scored a run for Carroll.

Oatman struck out nine and allowed just one hit and two unearned runs in six innings for the win. Madi Groves suffered the loss after allowing one earned run on eight hits in four innings with a strikeout and no walks.

Switzerland, now 8-9 on the season, traveled to Jac-Cen-Del on Monday, heads to Southwestern on Wednesday and closes out the regular season at Lawrenceburg on Friday.

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Rose no-hits Gallatin in Carroll district opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Brooklyn Rose tossed a three-inning no-hitter and Carroll County had no trouble with Gallatin County, rolling to a 15-0 win in the opening round of the 31st District softball Tournament at Henry County on Saturday.

Rose struck out four and walked two while throwing just 41 pitches in the three innings. She also scored two runs at the plate.

Brinley Couch was 2-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored for the Panthers, Adree Dermon had a hit, three RBIs and a run, Courtney Strickland had a hit and an RBI, Taylor Butler had a hit, an RBI and two runs, Madi Grove drove in three runs and scored a run.

Carroll, now 8-14 on the season, faced top seed Henry County in the 31st District semifinals on Monday at Henry County. The championship is on Tuesday.

Carroll scores late to beat Gallatin in 31st District tourney

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County baseball scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull away to a 6-3 win over Gallatin County in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at Henry County on Saturday.

Landon Isaacs had a big day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a triple, a double and two runs scored. Branon Battaglia was 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored, Zayne Satchwell had a hit, an RBI and a run scored, Coy Willhoite had a hit and an RBI, and Dalten Wilson had a hit.

Battaglia picked up the win after allowing just two hits over five scoreless innings with three strikeouts and seven walks.

Carroll, now 15-13 on the season, faced Owen County in the 31st District semifinals on Monday. The championship game is on Tuesday.

Trimble baseball team falls to Eminence in 31st District opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Eminence scored five runs in the first inning and never looked back, beating Trimble County 12-2 in the opening round of the 31st District Baseball Tournament at Henry County on Saturday.

Trimble recovered from the opening onslaught to score two runs in the second, but the Warriors got those runs back in the bottom of the second and then added five more in the fourth to win going away.

Trimble was held hitless in game by Eminence pitchers Elijah League, a senior, and Austin Bright, a junior,who combined to strike out six and walk five in five innings. Jacob Sullivan and Mason O'Neal each scored runs for the Raiders and Alejandro Maldonado had an RBI.

Charlie Liter took the loss on the hill, allowing seven earned runs on seven hits in three and a third innings with a strikeout and three walks.

Trimble County needed only seven hits to score 13 runs in a 13-5 win at home against Dayton on Thursday in the Raiders' regular-season finale.

Eight errors by Dayton led to 10 unearned runs. Bray Taylor was 3-for-5 with two doubles, four RBIs and a run for Trimble, Brayden Wilson was 2-for-3 with a double and three runs scored, Sullivan had a double and an RBI, and Liam Taylor had a hit, two RBIs and scored four times.

Bray Taylor allowed four earned runs on two hits in four and two-thirds innings with three strikeouts and five walks to get the win.

Trimble finishes the season with a 6-19 record.

Trimble softball reaches 20-win mark

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County out-hit Sacred Heart 11-7 but suffered a 4-3 loss in softball on Thursday.

Emma Ginn was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored for the Raiders while Jaelynn Holbrook was 2-for-4, Alyssa Ritchie was 2-for-3, Alanna Washington had a hit, an RBI and a run scored, Hannah Chilton had a hit and an RBI, and Kaylee Payton, Maddie Nixon and Addison Mosley each had hits.

Ritchie suffered the loss after giving up three earned runs on seven hits in seven innings with a strikeout and a walk.

On Friday, Trimble closed out the regular season with a 10-3 win over Williamstown.

Shelby Wright had a triple, a double and scored two runs for the Raiders, Ritchie was 2-for-3 with a triple, four RBIs and a run, Jocie Stucker was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, Nixon had a hit, an RBI and two runs, Ginn and Chilton each had a hit and scored a run, and Washington had a hit and an RBI.

Ritchie picked up the win after allowing just one earned run on six hits in seven innings with five strikeouts and no walks.

Trimble, now 20-11 overall, finished 5-2 in North Central Kentucky Conference play. The Raiders faced Owen County in the semifinals of the 31st District Tournament at Henry County on Monday. The championship is on Tuesday.

William Byron, driver of the No. 24 Axalta Throwback Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday in Darlington, South Carolina.

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Byron wins at Darlington after Chastain wreck

BY PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — William Byron saw Ross Chastain and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson ahead of him late at Darlington Raceway.

Byron made sure he was prepared for the fireworks he thought could happen.

Boom!

Byron moved in front when Chastain and Larson wrecked while racing for the lead on a restart with six laps left and held off Kevin Harvick in overtime to win the Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday.

"We talked about it under the caution," Byron said of a potential dustup. "I didn't think that they would wreck, but, obviously, it happened and we rolled on by."

Chastain and Larson have raced each other tooth-and-nail this season with incidents impacting potential wins at Talladega and Dover heading into the track "Too Tough To Tame."

It didn't take a rocket scientist — Byron is taking college courses at Liberty University — to know the two might tangle again.

It was a measure of retribution for Byron, who was two laps from victory in this race year a year ago until he was shoved out of the way by eventual winner Joey Logano.

"It's pretty amazing," Byron said. "Things have a way of working out."

He got away cleanly from Harvick on the green-white-checkered finish for his third win this season and seventh of his career.

Harvick was second and Chase Elliott third, his best finish since returning to NASCAR from a broken leg while snowboarding.

Brad Keselowski was fourth, followed by Bubba Wallace, Harrison Burton, Kyle Busch, Justin Haley, Ryan Blaney and Chris Buescher.

It was the 100th win for Hendrick Motorsports' No. 24 car and the organization's first victory at Darlington since Jimmie Johnson won the 2012 race.

It looked like 2021 champ Larson or points leader Chastain had the strongest cars and figured to be there at the end. Instead, Chastain was alongside Larson during a restart and admitted trying to squeeze his competitor against the wall in turn two. Both wound up wrecking.

Larson finished 20th and Chastain, who punched Noah Gragson in a pit-road confrontation a week ago at Kansas, was 29th.

"I wanted to squeeze him, I wanted to push him up, we've been trading back and forth all day. I wanted to push him up for sure," Chastain said.

Larson's crew chief Cliff Daniels angrily said on the radio, "three races he's taken us out of."

"Children," TV analyst and racing great Bill Elliott said. "You put 'em in a sandbox together and they can't play."

Larson moved into the lead when Denny Hamlin went to the pits with 30 laps remaining and was in prime position for victory until tangling with Chastain.

"He doesn't have to be that aggressive," winning owner Rick Hendrick said of Chastain. "He's going to make a lot of enemies."

Martin Truex Jr. started from the pole and led 145 of the first 151 laps before he was clipped by Chastain at the end of stage.

Chastain led 93 laps and has not won since Talladega in April 2022, a stretch of 39 races.

THE BIG ONES

Truex turned into Joey Logano while the two were running third and fourth with less than 15 laps left that touched off an eight-car accident, scrambling the field.

That wreck followed an earlier dustup when Erik Jones, who won the Southern 500 here last Labor Day weekend, had his right, rear tire spin off the car on lap 193 and immediately got sideways with those behind him having almost no chance to escape the wreck.

Those caught up behind Jones included Noah Gragson, Daniel Suarez, Austin Dillon, Ty Gibbs and Ryan Newman, who was competing in his first race since the the 2021 season finale as he returned to NASCAR with Rick Ware Racing.

ALL-TIMERS

Darlington Raceway continued its celebration of NASCAR's 75th anniversary with a gathering of 33 of those named as its 75 greatest drivers. The honorees included 95-year-old Herschel McGriff. The Hall of Famer McGriff competed in the first Southern 500 in 1950, driving from his home in Oregon to rural South Carolina, running the race — and finishing ninth — before taking the car back home across the country. "I can't get away from racing," McGriff said Sunday. "I'm 95, so I've got a few years left."

UP NEXT

Next week is the NASCAR All-Star Open at revamped North Wilkesboro Speedway in North Carolina. The 0.625-mile short track was a regular on the NASCAR schedule from 1949 through 1996 before the series left. But after a spirited effort to revive the old, country track, owner Speedway Motorsports would host the all-star race as part of NASCAR's 75th anniversary celebration.

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Madison Regatta Board, PO box 341, Madison IN, 47243 has applied to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement, Under IC 14-15-7-3 and 312 IAC 5-3-1, for a permit to conduct a Motorboat Race. This event is scheduled to be held on June 30th, July 1st & July 2nd on the Ohio River in Jefferson county IN. Any person objecting to such an event may do either or both the following:
File a petition with the central office of the division requesting an informal hearing. The petition must be signed by the least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years old and who reside in the county where the event will occur. A hearing on this clause is governed by 312 IAC 2-3.
Request the division notify the petitioner in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the license. Following the receipt of notice under this clause, a petitioner may request administrative review of the determination under 312 IAC 3-1.
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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-2305-EU-000031
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES P. LAPINE,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on May 9, 2023, Jerica LaPine was appointed personal representative of the estate of James P. LaPine, deceased, who died on April 12, 2023. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 9th day of May 2023.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court
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The Town of Hanover Plan Commission will be holding a meeting on Wednesday May 31, 2023 at 6:00pm In the Council Room at the Hanover Community Center located at 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover IN 47243.

The Plan Commission will hear two (2) Applications for re-zoning.

1. Pettitt Properties is requesting a zone change for 4 parcels on the property formerly known as Hanover Baptist Church at **151 W. Main St. Hanover IN 47243.** The properties are currently zoned B-2 and petitioner is requesting all 4 parcels to be re-zoned to R-32 in order to renovate the building to Apartments.

2. Will McDonough representing the John and Robertine Stoner property at **4146 W. SR 56 Hanover IN 47243** has requested that this property be re-zoned from R-1 to B-1 in order to locate a new business on this property after sale of property is complete.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2023-2024 I 2024-2025

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All bidders must furnish, as bid surety, a certifi ed or cashier's check payable to Southwestern Jeff erson County Consolidated School Corporation in the amount of two hundred dollars ($200.00). All surety shall be returned as per bid specifi cations. A fully executed non-collusion affi davit and additional materials shall accompany each bid. Route descriptions and specifi cations, which describe the routes to be traveled, the equipment to be furnished, and all other conditions required in the contract are available at the central offi ce at the above address.
The Board of School Trustees of Southwestern Jeff erson County Consolidated School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids (IC 20-27-5-10), to waive any information or irregularities, and to make any necessary changes or alterations in the original route description. A minimum of one route will be awarded to any one contract driver. Each contract driver must be a proposed school bus driver and registered owner. Th e contract driver is advised that the Board of School Trustees reserves the right to award the routes or to assign the route(s) to the Corporation pool. Th e age and condition of the equipment will be considered a factor in route awards. Th e Board reserves the right to negotiate or make an off er, as they deem appropriate prior to the beginning of a new contract.
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No. 1 seed Oklahoma seeking third straight NCAA softball title

Oklahoma will seek its third straight Women's College World Series title as the No. 1 national seed in the upcoming NCAA Women's Softball Tournament.

The 64-team draw was announced Sunday night.

The Sooners will host the Norman Regional on Friday through Sunday at Marita Hynes Field in Norman, Oklahoma. They will try to extend their 43-game winning streak — the longest in school history and four wins shy of the NCAA record Arizona set in 1995-96 — when they open against Hofstra (19-25) on Friday.

Indiana and Louisville were both assigned to the Knoxville Regional and will play each other at 3 p.m. on Friday in a game to be televised on ESPN2. Kentucky was assigned to the Evanston Regional in Illinois and will open against Miami (Ohio) at 1 p.m. on Friday in a game televised on the SEC Network.

Notre Dame was sent to the Fayetteville, Arkansas, regional and will open with immediately after Indiana-Louisville game at 5 p.m.on ESPN2. Fourth seeded Tennessee, the Knoxville Regional host, will play Northern Kentucky at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with that game on ESPN+.

This is the fourth straight season the Sooners will enter the tournament as the No. 1 overall seed, and the fifth time overall. Oklahoma defeated Texas 6-1 on Saturday to claim the Big 12 Tournament title in a rematch of last year's national championship series.

The Sooners feature three of the top-10 finalists for USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year — juniors Jayda Coleman and Tiare Jennings and sophomore Jordy Bahl.

UCLA (52-5) is the No. 2 national seed and will host Grand Canyon on Friday in its opener in the Los Angeles Regional. The Bruins, who won the national title in 2019, are the most recent program other than Oklahoma to win it all. They are making their tournament-record 38th appearance.

The top 16 seeds will host in the regional round. Florida State — the 2018 national champion and 2021 runner-up — is seeded third. Tennessee is seeded fourth, followed by Alabama, Oklahoma State, Washington and Duke.

Stanford is seeded ninth, followed by LSU, Arkansas, Northwestern, Texas, Georgia, Utah and Clemson.

The final eight teams will play at the Women's College World Series, which will start June 1 in Oklahoma City.

HARDY

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always something you can always work on," Hardy said. "Kenny has helped so much, just improving my game because he's like a father figure. So just having that has helped so much."

Hardy plans to major in physician's assistant and psychology and IUS is a good school for both. As for her playing career, she's just hoping to get a chance to make an impact her freshman year.

"I hope to beat everybody but I know that's not going to happen. I'm just super competitive," Hardy said with a laugh. "I'm always going to push myself to work harder because being a good leader and being good for myself to help my teammates is going to help everybody."

Garrett knows that his senior is going to be a success.

"She's special. I'll put it that way. She's a great leader. She's a senior captain for us along with Autumn (Gross) and if I'm not there, I know that the girls are in good hands," Garrett said. "She leads by example. She works hard every day in practice. And as I tell the girls, if you put your time in here you'll get better. Every single day. And Syrenia does that and she pushes the other girls to do the same thing."

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Bengals welcome rookies to begin new foundation

BY KEITH JENKINS
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CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals have been close.

The two-time defending AFC North champions played a tight game against the Los Angeles Rams in a losing Super Bowl effort last year. They followed that by losing to the eventual Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs by a field goal in this year's AFC title game.

The Bengals hope at least one of their eight picks in this year's draft will help provide the missing link to the franchise's first Super Bowl win.

Cincinnati welcomed its latest batch of draft picks and a group of undrafted free agents into the team's indoor practice facility for the first day of their rookie minicamp Friday as coach Zac Taylor and his staff began building the foundation for this year's squad.

"Your purpose is to be the best football player you can be to help the team," Taylor said. "All the things off the field that go into that: eat, sleep, spend your time making sure you know the playbook inside and out ... those little discipline things can really make the difference early in a guy's career. ... That's one of the things that we try to communicate to these guys."

Taylor and director of player personnel Duke Tobin prioritized strengthening the team's pass rush in last month's draft, selecting former Clemson defensive end Myles Murphy with the 28th overall pick. Cincinnati got its first look Friday at the 6-foot-5, 270-pound edge rusher who figures to help a Bengals defense that finished 29th in team sacks last season with 30.

"I thought he was in good shape for the first day," Taylor said of the 2022 All-Atlantic Coast Conference defensive lineman. "Again, we're not out here very long, but I could see a bright-eyed guy that was ready to learn and get after it."

The Bengals were only on the practice field for about an hour. But Murphy took advantage of the time to go through drills with defensive line coach Marion Hobby.

Murphy donned his new No. 99 jersey, one number higher than the No. 98 he wore while at Clemson. Defensive tackle D.J. Reader, another Clemson product, already wears No. 98 for Cincinnati.

"He said I could get the number for a price," Murphy said of Reader. "I don't even want to know what that price is. So I'm going to stick with 99 for now and leave it there."

Murphy said the key to his development early on will be asking questions. Fourth-round draft pick Charlie Jones echoed that.

"This is a receiver room that I've been following just as a fan," said Jones, who set Purdue's single-season record for receiving yards (1,361) in 2022 after transferring from Iowa. "It's a blessing to be here and be in this group. It's just a perfect opportunity to learn a lot from a lot of the people that have already established themselves."

One of those people is fellow wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase. The 2021 first-round pick led the Bengals in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in each of his first two seasons.

Jones' locker is next to Chase's.

"Right now, I've just been hanging out with the rookies," Jones said. "I haven't really gotten the chance to meet any of the vets in person yet. So I'm definitely looking forward to Monday to start building those relationships."

Quarterback Joe Burrow and the rest of the veterans will join the rookies Monday, when the real bonding and the countdown to the Bengals' season opener Sept. 10 at Cleveland will begin.

"We'll get a chance to see what we're going to be about," Taylor said. "And we're starting from scratch. We're starting over with the chemistry, the camaraderie, the scheme. I think that's what's exciting as a coach."

Season kicks off with Super Bowl champion Chiefs hosting Lions

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Patrick Mahomes and the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs will kick off the NFL season against the upstart Detroit Lions in a matchup of high-powered offenses and will host Jalen Hurts and the Philadelphia Eagles in a Super Bowl rematch on "Monday Night Football" in Week 11.

Aaron Rodgers will make his New York Jets debut in the first Monday night game of the season against the Buffalo Bills and later faces the Miami Dolphins in the NFL's first Black Friday game on Nov. 24.

Thanks to Rodgers' arrival in the Big Apple, the Jets will have six nationally televised games, including their first Sunday night game since 2011 when they take on the Chiefs on Oct. 1. That'll be the first ever Mahomes-Rodgers matchup.

"It's not going to be monotonous with all the 1 o'clock games we're used to," Jets coach Robert Saleh said on NFL Network.

Coming off their second championship in four seasons, the Chiefs will host the Lions on Sept. 7 on "Thursday Night Football." The Lions finished 9-8 last season after a 1-6 start and knocked Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers out of the playoffs with a 20-16 victory at Lambeau Field in the final regular-season game.

Mahomes, the two-time NFL MVP, led the Chiefs to a 38-35 comeback win over the Eagles in the Super Bowl. The teams will battle at Arrowhead Stadium on Nov. 20.

Fans will get their first look at Rodgers in his new green-and-white No. 8 Jets jersey when New York hosts Josh Allen and the Bills in an AFC East matchup on Sept. 11.

The NFL released the full schedule for its 104th season on Thursday night after revealing five international games and several others earlier in the day and Wednesday.

Other highlights include a rematch of the NFC championship game in Week 13 and a rematch of the AFC title game in Week 17. Hurts and the Eagles will host the San Francisco 49ers on Dec. 3. The Chiefs will host Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals on New Year's Eve.

The Eagles knocked quarterback Brock Purdy out of the conference title game on their way to a dominant 31-7 win. Purdy had elbow surgery in the offseason, but should be ready by the time the teams meet again.

The Thanksgiving tripleheader features three division games. It begins with Jordan Love and the Green Bay Packers visiting the Lions. The Dallas Cowboys then host the Washington Commanders and the Seattle Seahawks host the 49ers in prime time.

Mahomes and the Chiefs will host AFC West rival Las Vegas in the early game of the Christmas Day tripleheader. The Eagles will host the New York Giants in one of 14 playoff rematches on the 2023 schedule. Lamar Jackson and the Ravens wrap up Christmas action in San Francisco.

The New England Patriots also announced seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady will be honored at the team's home opener against the Eagles on Sept. 10. Brady, who led the Patriots to six Super Bowl titles, retired in February after spending the last three seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

On Wednesday, the NFL announced that Trevor Lawrence and the Jacksonville Jaguars will become the first NFL team to play two international games in the same season when they spend back-to-back weeks in London.

The Jaguars will host the Atlanta Falcons at Wembley Stadium on Oct. 1 and visit the Bills at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Oct. 8. The Jaguars were set to play two designated home games in London in 2020 but the pandemic canceled those plans.

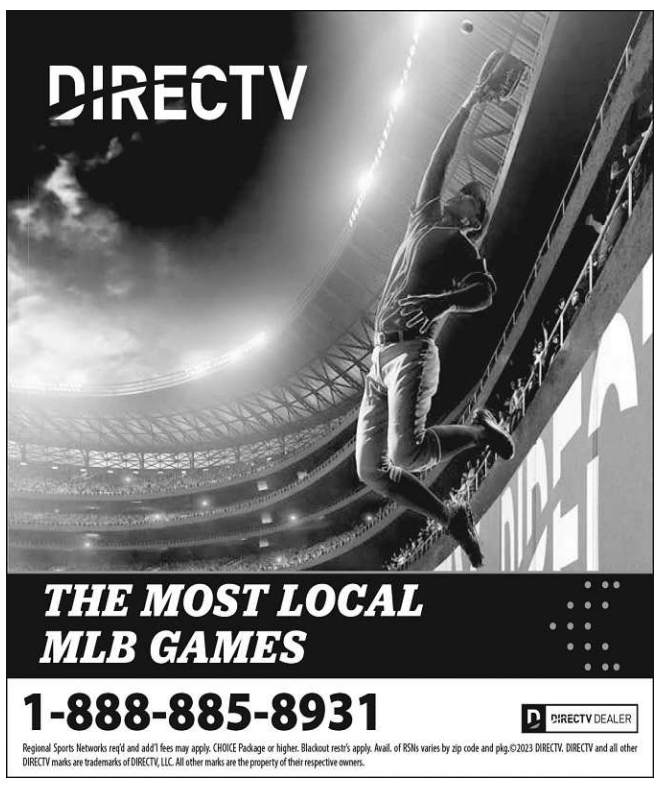
The Tennessee Titans will host the Baltimore Ravens at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Oct. 15. The Chiefs will host the Dolphins in Germany at Eintracht Frankfurt Stadium on Nov. 5. The Patriots will host the Indianapolis Colts on Nov. 12, also in Frankfurt.

Bryce Young and C.J. Stroud, the first two picks in the draft, are scheduled to meet in Week 8 when the Carolina Panthers host the Houston Texans.

There will be three Monday night doubleheaders in Weeks 2, 3, and 14.

The Eagles have the toughest strength of schedule based on last year's standings. Their opponents had a .566 winning percentage in 2022. The Falcons, who play in the lowly NFC South, have the easiest schedule with an opponents' winning percentage of .417.

The NFL's 18-week, 272-game regular-season schedule concludes with 16 division games in Week 18, including two on Saturday Jan. 6.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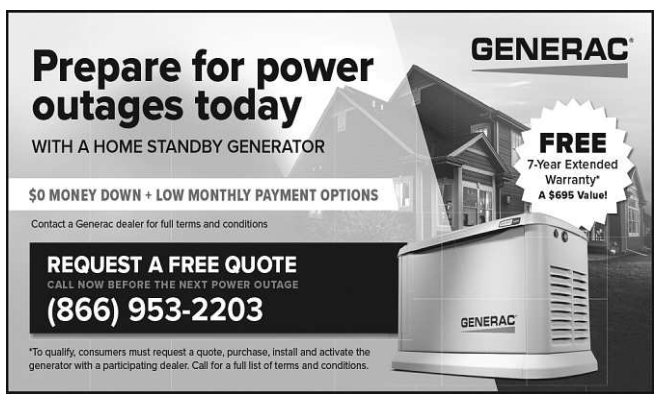
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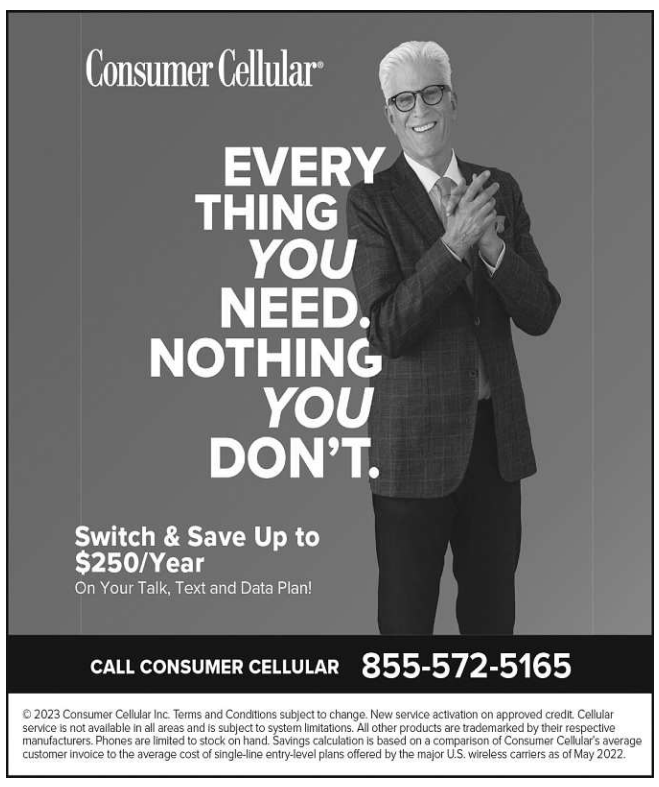
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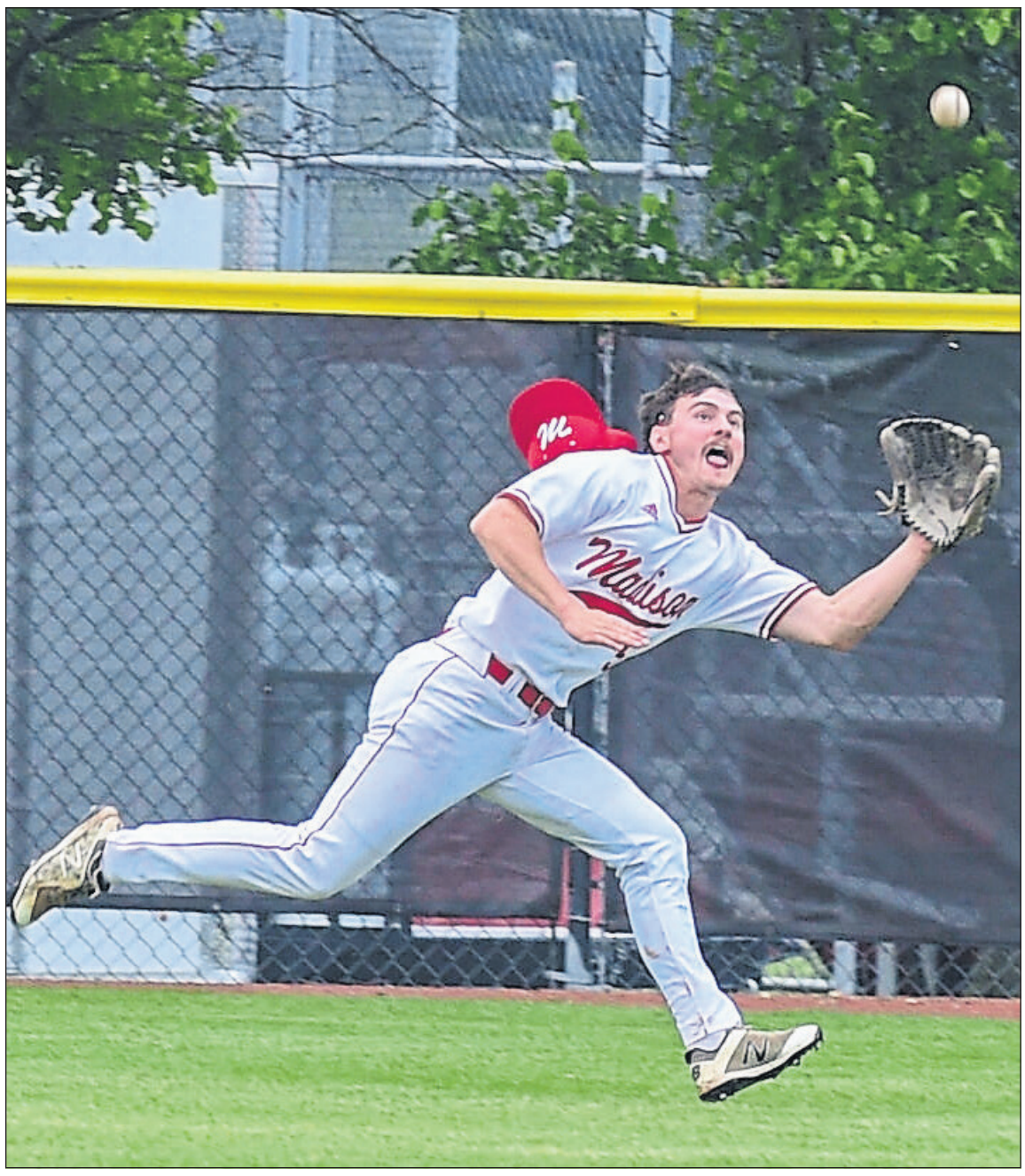

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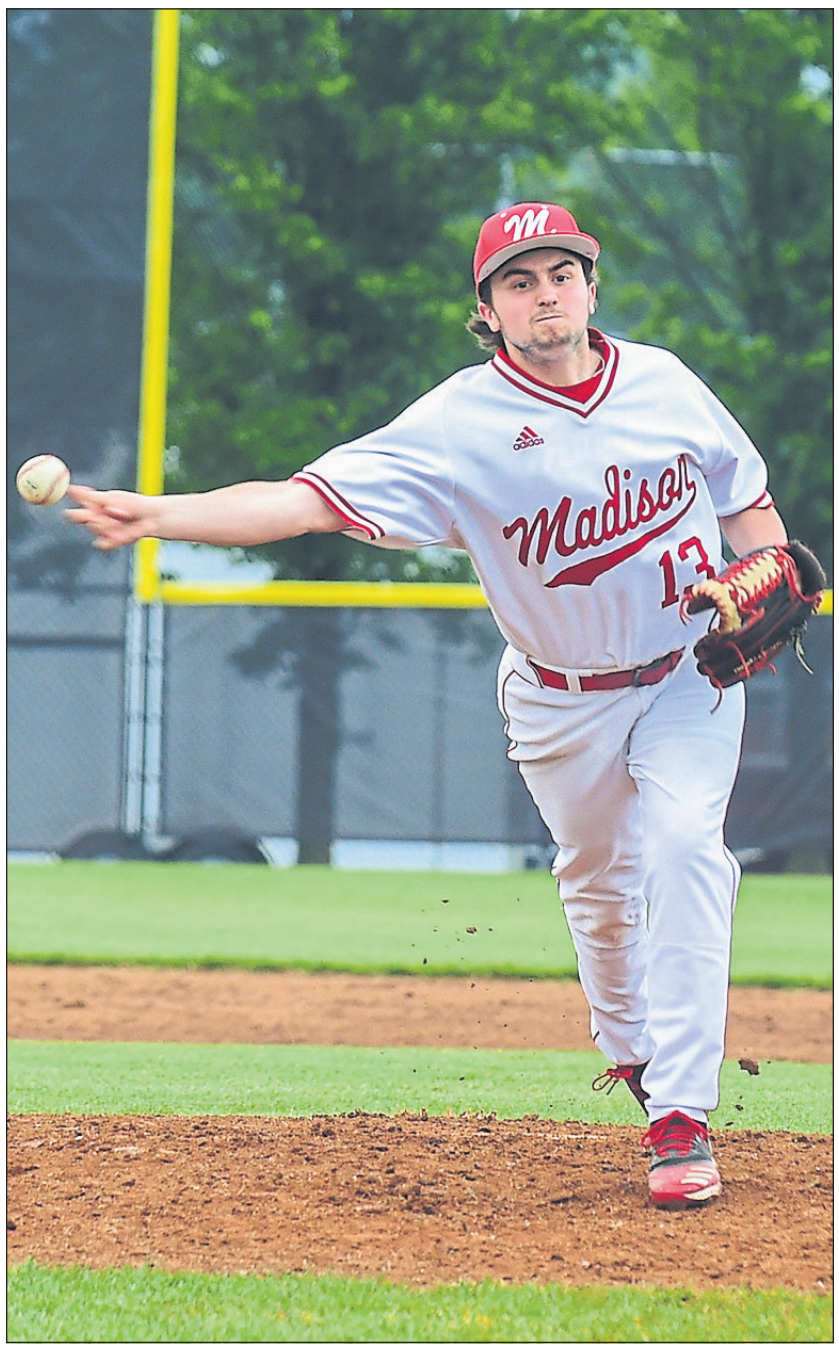
Madison center fielder Colin Yancey tracks down a fly ball during the Cubs' 13-5 win over Franklin County at home on Friday.



Madison pitcher Ashton Carie delivers a sidearm pitch to the plate during the Cubs' 13-5 win over Franklin County at home on Friday.

Madison rallies from 5 down to whip Franklin Co., 13-5

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison spotted Franklin County a five-run lead then exploded to win 13-5 in baseball Friday at home.

The visiting Wildcats touched Madison starter Drew Forner for two runs in the first inning and three more in the third to take a 5-0 lead. But the Cubs got a home run from Ben Orrill to highlight a seven-run in third to take the lead then pulled away from there for the win.

Liam Murphy was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored for the Cubs while Clint Hearne was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and a run. Colin Yancey was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run, Mitchell Cammack was 2-for-2 with two RBIs and two runs, Forner was 2-for-5 with an RBI, Orrill had a homer, three RBIs and a run scored, and Zander Vonch had a triple, an RBI and a run.

Forner ended up with the win despite allowing five earned runs on five hits. Madison, now 17-7 on the season, hosts Brown County on Thursday to close out the regular season.

PACERS FALL TO RISING SUN

Rising Sun scratched out three runs on five hits to beat Switzerland County 3-0 in baseball Thursday at home.

Switzerland was limited to just four hits in the game. Mason Peelman had a double while Jackson Sparks, Cooper Todd and Kemper Kitts each had a single.

Sparks pitched all six innings and suffered the loss for the Pacers, allowing one earned run on five hits with four strikeouts and a walk.

Oldenburg scored four runs in the top of the sixth to pull away for a 9-7 win over Switzerland on Saturday.

Kaleb Koons was 2-for-3 with a triple, an RBI and three runs scored for the Pacers, Sparks had two hits and two RBIs, Todd had a hit and two RBIs, Roman Hite had a hit, an RBI and two runs, and Peelman and Kobe Roark each had a hit and a run.

Koons allowed four earned runs on one hit in an inning and a third of relief and suffered the loss.

Switzerland, now 6-10 overall and 4-6 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, traveled to Jac-Cen-Del on Monday. The Pacers close out the regular season at Southwestern on Wednesday.

TOPPERS LOSE TO RISING SUN

Shawe was limited to just three hits in an 8-0 loss at home to Rising Sun on Friday.

Eric Liu, Philip Kahn and Tyler Hill each had singles for the Hilltoppers. Kahn worked the first six innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits with no strikeouts and a walk and took the loss.

Shawe, now 10-10 overall and 3-8 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to Crothersville on Tuesday and to South Ripley on Wednesday. The Hilltoppers close out the regular season at home against Oldenburg on Friday.

Marlins rally in 7th for 3-1 win to salvage series finale

MIAMI — Bryan De La Cruz doubled twice and singled and the Miami Marlins avoided a three-game sweep against Cincinnati with a 3-1 win over the Reds on Sunday.

Activated from the injured list earlier Sunday, Garrett Cooper had two hits and drove in a run for the Marlins, who snapped a five-game home losing skid. Cooper missed 12 games because of an inner ear infection.

Cooper's RBI double and De La Cruz's run-scoring single in the seventh broke a 1-1 tie. Garrett Hampson doubled against Kevin Herget (1-1) to lead off the inning and scored on Cooper's one-out line drive.

Luis Arraez singled and Jorge Soler was intentionally walked to load the bases before De La Cruz singled to score Cooper.

Tanner Scott (3-1) pitched a scoreless seventh and Huascar Brazoban got two outs in the eighth around a walk and single. Steven Okert retired Jake Fraley on a fly out to end Cincinnati's threat.

Dylan Floro closed with a scoreless ninth for his second save.

The Reds stranded eight and were 0-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

REDS 5, METS 0

The New York Mets committed to paying nearly half a billion dollars in player contracts this offseason in their pursuit of a World Series title.

The problem is it's not paying off.

For the first time since 2012, the Mets have dropped five series in a row. The Cincinnati Reds erupted Thursday for four first inning runs against Kodai Senga and beat New York 5-0, taking two of three in the series. Spencer Steer added an insurance solo shot in the fifth inning.

Jonathan India, Jake Fraley and Tyler Stephenson each had two hits for the Reds (16-21), who sent the Mets (18-20) to their fourth loss in five games and 13th in 17.

On a Cincinnati bullpen day, Derek Law pitched into the second inning, followed by Ben Lively, Lucas Sims and Kevin Herget, who logged his first career save. Lively (1-0), promoted from Triple-A Louisville on Tuesday, allowed four hits with a strikeout over three innings to earn his first win since his rookie season in 2017.

REDS 7, MARLINS 4

Jake Fraley homered twice, including a tiebreaking three-run shot in the ninth inning that sent the Cincinnati Reds past the Miami Marlins 7-4 on Friday night.

Eury Pérez struck out seven over 4 2/3 innings in his highly anticipated major league debut for Miami. The Marlins promoted the 20-year-old right-hander, the top prospect in their organization, from Double-A Pensacola to start the series opener.

Cincinnati erased a 4-2 deficit on Spencer Steer's two-run double in the seventh.

Stuart Fairchild hit a leadoff single against reliever Dylan Floro (2-2) in the ninth and advanced two bases on José Barrero's single to right field. Floro struck out Jonathan India before Fraley homered to right.

It was Fraley's first career multi-homer game. Fraley avoided a serious injury in the fifth when he made an awkward slide near a wall in left field while attempting to catch Joey Wendle's foul ball.

Graham Ashcraft allowed four runs, six hits and two walks while striking out three in 5 2/3 innings.

Tyler Stephenson put the Reds ahead with his leadoff homer in the fourth, but Miami tied it in the bottom half on Bryan De La Cruz's run-scoring double.

REDS 6, MARLINS 5

Jake Fraley hit his third homer in two days as the Cincinnati Reds beat Sandy Alcantara and the Miami Marlins 6-5 on Saturday.

Henry Ramos had two hits, including a go-ahead RBI double off Alcantara in the eighth. Marlins center fielder Jazz Chisholm Jr. exited with a right foot contusion after he collided with the wall attempting to catch Ramos' drive.

Fraley put the Reds ahead 3-1 with his three-run shot against Alcantara in the fifth. He drove Alcantara's 0-1 pitch inside the right-field foul pole for his fifth homer.

Derek Law opened and got the first four outs in the emergency bullpen game for the Reds. Original starter Nick Lodolo was scratched late Friday because of left calf soreness. Lodolo returned to Cincinnati on Saturday for additional tests.

Trimble, Carroll wrap up track season with home invites

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County and Trimble County both wrapped up the track & field regular season by competing in each other's invitationals last week.

On Thursday, Carroll County hosted the Parker Real Estate Group River Run with six different schools in attendance.

Carroll County's Seth Franklin won three individual events and Trimble County's Ricky Gray won two in the boys event.

Franklin won the high jump at 5 feet, 8 inches, the long jump at 19 feet, 7 inches, and the triple jump at 39 feet, 11 inches. Gray won the 100-meter dash in 11.42 and the 200 dash in 23.00.

In addition, Carroll's Evan Searcy won the boys discus with a throw of 121 feet, 3 inches, Carroll's Macie Miller won the girls triple jump at 25 feet, 11 inches and Trimble's Kinley Kunkel won the girls 800 run in 2:30.80.

Other top finishes for the Carroll boys were: Searcy, second, shot put, 43-3; 400 relay, second, 48.02; 800 relay, second, 1:39.81; 3200 relay, second, 10:57.13; Taylor Harsin, third, 1600 run, 5:30.96; and 1600 relay, third, 4:16.23.

Top finishes for the Trimble boys were: Gray, second, long jump, 18-10.5; Owen Jackson, third, 100 dash, 11.76 and third, 200 dash, 23.71; and Charlie Abbott, seventh, discus, 94-6 and 10th, shot put,31-2.

Other op finishes for Carroll's girls were: Miller, second, high jump, 4-4 and third, 100 hurdles, 21.27; Makayla Keithly, third, 300 hurdles, 1:06.77; 400 relay, third, 59.02; and 800 relay, third, 2:03.97.

Trimble County's boys placed third out of 14 teams at the school's all-comers event in Bedford on Saturday.

Oldham County won the boys event with 147.5 points, North Oldham was second with 120 and Trimble placed third with 61.5. Carroll County placed seventh with 40.5 points.

Oldham County also won the girls event, scoring 205 points while North Oldham was second with 113.5. Trimble placed 10th with 18.5 points and Carroll was 11th with 16.

Gray won two events and was part of a winning relay to lead the Trimble boys. Gray won the 100-meter dash in 11.52 and the 200 dash in 22.87. The 400 relay team also claiming victory, coming in at 45.21.

Other top finishes for the Trimble boys were: Patrick Kainer, third, long jump, 20-9 and fourth, high jump, 5-8; Owen Jackson, fifth, 100 dash, 11.81 and fifth, 200 dash, 23.90; 3200 relay, fifth, 10:35.27; Luke Mullins, sixth, triple jump, 33-4.25; Kyle Meece, eighth, 110 hurdles, 22.70; Gray, eighth, long jump, 18-0; and Ricky Robinson, eighth, shot put, 36-0.5.

Top finishes for the Trimble girls were: Kinley Kunkel, second, 1600 run, 5:22.85 and third, 3200 run, 11:40.91; Adeline Howerton, seventh, high jump, 4-4; Maddy Stark, ninth, shot put, 24-1.5; Audrey Howerton, 10th, discus, 62-2 and 15th, shot put, 21-1; and Harmony Johnson, 15th, 200 dash, 31.21.

Top finishes for the Carroll boys were: Seth Franklin, second, high jump, 6-0, second, triple jump, 39-3 and fourth, long jump, 20-0; 400 relay, fourth, 47.59; Bryson Chadwell, fifth, shot put, 38-8.5; 800 relay, fifth, 1:40.87; Mitchell Lacefield, sixth, 100 dash, 11.92 and eighth, 200 dash, 24.30; Grayson Kinman, seventh, triple jump, 32-10.

Top finishes for the Carroll girls were: 800 relay, fourth, 2:14.04; Macie Miller, fifth, high jump, 4-6 and 12th, 100 hurdles, 20.78; 400 relay, fifth, 57.86; Lydia Risk, sixth, long jump, 12-1.75; Chloe Young, 11th, 800 run, 1:53.29; Katie McAllister, 11th, 200 dash, 29.77; Savannah Romans, 11th, long jump, 8-10.5; and Shelby Hillebrandt, 12th, long jump, 7-1.5.

Carroll and Trimble's next meet will be the Class A, Region 5 Championships at Somerset. That event will be held on Tuesday, May 23.